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Landlords, after more money, demand deposit

By Fathima Ahmed
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THE practice of demanding key money — deposit — to rent out commercial space has resurfaced in recent months and residential property value has appreciated by at least 30 per cent, according to a leading real estate

dealer.

Ahmed Boodai, managing director of the Salhiya Real Estate Company, said the aura of "peace and stability" in the region has substantially revitalised the real estate market.

Ken Winston of Al Khadra Real Estate agrees, saying there is a "tendency for lan-

dlords to ask for more since the war ended."

In recent months some landlords have been demanding key money up to KD25,000 to lease commercial space, a practice that was discontinued following the slump in the market during the Gulf war years. Landlords are now asking for between three and 12 months rent in advance for villas and luxury

apartments but settle for deposits equivalent to three months rent.

Boodai, confirming the re-emergence of key money for commercial space, says the emphasis is now on quality and service for residential accommodation.

"It's a natural instinct to try and get as much money as the landlords can," justifies

Winston. He believes that landlords want to get a fair return on capital investments.

But the trend is yet to take root as not all landlords get what they demand. In most instances, tenants manage to get the advances reduced to about three months, deductible from monthly payment. Only a handful pockets the deposits.

Property value has appreciated between 10 and 30 per cent, depending on the location, area and proximity to the city centre. Putting up a villa can cost more than KD50,000 and investors are willing to pay more for prime land, says Boodai.

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Abusing soldiers

A woman shouts abuse at soldiers in the Ballymurphy area of west Belfast. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Indian bid to attract scientists

NEW DELHI, Aug 14, (KUNA): A number of special measures are being worked out by the Indian government to attract scientists and technologists settled abroad to return to India.

Special programmes have also been launched with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has also started a scheme called "transfer of know-how through expatriate nationals." Under this scheme the government would pay international air fare and subsistence allowance to Indians during their visit to Indian institutes and industry for transfer of technical know-how and generating professional expertise in various fields. Provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of scientists pool. Provision has been made for creation of supernumerary posts and facilities to transport equipment have been provided to the scientists returning from abroad.

Four shot dead on Indian border

JAMMU, Aug 14, (AP): Indian border guards shot and killed four men who ignored warnings to halt while slipping across the border from Pakistan before daybreak today, a senior security official said.

Train tickets from Jammu to New Delhi were found on the bodies, according to Inspector General Puran Chand Dogra of the Border Security Force.

He said they were unarmed. Although he said their nationality was unknown, United News of India said the four were Bangladeshis.

People from Bangladesh periodically try to slip across the border without visas, seeking work in Pakistan or returning home.

Iran offers direct talks

Pull out first, Iraq told

NICOSIA, Aug 14, (Reuters): Iran said today it was ready to hold direct peace talks with Iraq if Baghdad withdrew its remaining troops from Iranian territory.

The statement by Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, appeared to mark a change in Tehran's insistence on UN mediation in the peace negotiations which started after last August's ceasefire.

But Khamenei, speaking to relatives of prisoners of war and missing soldiers, ruled out territorial concessions and said Iran would not bow to Iraqi pressure over the POWs.

"Withdrawal of forces behind

international borders is the prelude to any other moves. We are ready even for direct talks if the pullout is completed," Tehran Radio quoted him as saying.

Tehran and Baghdad blame each other for lack of progress towards a lasting peace in UN-mediated talks held in Geneva and New York.

Delegations led by the Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers met in the same room but spoke to each other only through UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar or his special envoy, Jan Eliasson.

Iraq says Iran's rejection of

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Row over premiership

Dhaka minister quits

DHAKA, Aug 14, (Reuters): Bangladesh Deputy Prime Minister Mohammad Abdul Matin has resigned, aides said today, apparently in a row over the appointment of a new Prime Minister by President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The aides said Ershad had accepted the resignation before he left on a two-day visit to Iraq.

Matin, a medical doctor, who has served in the cabinet for nearly five years, sent a letter to Ershad last Thursday saying he was resigning for "some personal reasons."

Political observers said he resigned because he felt insulted by the appointment of Kazi Zafar Ahmad as prime minister.

Ahmad was a deputy prime minister before Ershad chose him as prime minister in a surprise cabinet reshuffle last Saturday.

Matin, 52, an eye-specialist, held many important portfolios since he joined Ershad's cabinet in 1984.

religious services for inmates.

Hundreds of armed police surrounded the detention centre in the heart of the Philippines' third largest city as negotiations continued.

Justice Undersecretary Silvestre Bello said the inmates demanded a getaway bus and promised to free the hostages after a four-hour head start.

Bello said he told the convicts that this might take some time to arrange because the military opposed it. He said the convicts agreed to wait until 4 pm (0800 GMT) tomorrow.

Gi Abario, press secretary for the Davao City administration, said the convicts demanded a plane to fly them to the mostly Muslim island of Sulu, but Bello denied they had made such a demand.

It was unclear how the incident began. Bello said the inmates overpowered a guard.

But the Rev. Samuel Ducumbe, who had attended yesterday's prison services, said the incident began after a prison trustee, former air force soldier Mohammed Naser Samporani, asked to take food to the wife of a soldier who lived next to the jail.

Samporani, who as a trustee could move freely around the jail, then left and returned in a few minutes with an M-16 rifle and ammunition belt, Ducumbe said.

The trustee fired warning shots into the air and shouted, "No resistance, you're hostages." The other prisoners then grabbed the visitors and took them inside the cells, Ducumbe said.

Tehran hot and cold on hostages

NICOSIA, Aug 14, (AP): Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, today ruled out a dialogue with the United States while another senior official left open the possibility of hostage negotiations.

State-run Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Khamenei as telling US leaders: "Next to the usurper regime ruling over occupied Palestine, you are the most cursed government in the eyes of the Iranian people. No one in the Islamic Republic will hold talks with you."

Khamenei, speaking to a gathering of relatives of prisoners of war held by Iraq and soldiers missing in action in the eight-year Gulf war, added: "American conditions for negotiations with Iran are ridiculous."

"As long as the US policy is based on lies, fraud and mischief, as long as it supports a sinister regime like Israel and oppresses the weak nations... there is no possibility of negotiations or relations with the US government."

But Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, asked about the hostage crisis after arriving at Damascus airport later today said without elaboration: "No negotiations before the release of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid."

He was referring to the Shiite Muslim cleric whose kidnapping by Israeli commandos July 28 from his home in south Lebanon triggered the hostage crisis.

The differing viewpoints seemed to underscore continuing divisions in the Iranian hierarchy over whether the Islamic Republic should take action to help free the Western captives in Lebanon.

Velayati said he was in Syria for talks with senior officials on the situation in Lebanon, and that he was carrying a letter for President Hafez Al Assad from Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's president-elect.

The foreign minister's remark on possible negotiations echoed a commentary yesterday by the official Islamic Republic News Agency outlining conditions for the release of the 16 foreign hostages, most of whom are believed held by pro-Iranian Shiite groups.

The agency also monitored in Nicosia, said Iran would be willing "to use its maximum influence for the release of all the hostages" if the US unblocks billions of dollars in Iranian assets frozen 10 years ago.

The commentary also linked freedom for the hostages with the release of Obeid, a leader of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and a settler of the 14-year civil war between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon.

"If the US government really wants to solve the hostage issue in Lebanon and has no plot in mind, it should first put Israel under pressure to free Sheikh Obeid at once."

"Secondly it should present a comprehensive plan for the release of all the hostages, including the Iranian ones and the

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Syrians mass; Aoun to 'stand'

Saddam vows Iraqi backing

BEIRUT, Aug 14, (AP): Syrian guns shelled the besieged Christian enclave today while troops and armour were reported massing in the mountains overlooking Beirut for what Christians fear will be a new attempt to break through their defences.

Police reported eight people were killed and 66 wounded in the shelling, the fifth straight day of bombardment that has left much of Beirut a smoldering, deserted ruin.

Among the fatalities included an eight-month pregnant woman.

Mariam Mirei, 23, was killed when a shell hit her apartment in West Beirut.

The body was rushed to the Makassed Hospital where doctors operated quickly and saved the baby girl, police and hospital sources said.

Today's casualties raised the overall toll since fighting erupted March 8 to 741 killed and 1,950 wounded.

Police reported that 50,000 Muslims fled the devastated capital already abandoned by more than 85 per cent of its 1.5 million population in recent weeks.



A Lebanese shaves after spending more than 70 hours in an underground shelter. (Reuters wirephoto)

At least 37 civilians were killed and 120 wounded between midnight Saturday and midnight yesterday.

A police spokesman said the Syrians were assembling troops and armour in the central mountains at Douar, east of Beirut, today.

But the Christians' leader, Gen. Michel Aoun, declared that he was determined to stand his ground.

Amid a diplomatic scramble by France and the Arab League to mediate a ceasefire in his five-month-old confrontation with the Syrians, the US-trained general said in a telephone interview with France's RTL radio station that a truce would achieve nothing.

Aoun, whose "war of liberation" against the Syrians is looking increasingly quixotic, is heavily outgunned and outnumbered by the Syrians and their allies. They can muster some 60,000 men against his 20,000

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NEWSWATCH



Drug pusher in trouble

An unidentified man, caught peddling drugs in the West Bengal town of Krishnagar, hangs by ropes in the hot sun as a penalty handed out by local vigilantes. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sri Lankan violence: Three Buddhist monks, three police officers and a doctor were among 60 people killed in violence in Sri Lanka in the past three days, military sources said today.

In the latest incident, they said a policeman was killed and three wounded in a grenade attack by leftwing rebels at Homagama, outside the capital, Colombo, today.

The sources said rebels also killed a doctor and a Buddhist monk in the same area yesterday. The doctor was accused of being a police informant.

A policeman and a policewoman were killed in central Kandy yesterday. Two more monks were shot dead by rebels at Veyangoda, a short distance north of Colombo. (Reuters)

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Hospital strike: Sri Lanka's major hospitals located in Colombo ceased to function for the fourth day on Monday following a lightning strike by health employees demanding the immediate release of two colleagues arrested by security forces for alleged subversion, official sources said.

The work stoppage on Friday confined to the largest general hospital spread to other health institutions too during the weekend and health authorities confirmed reports that only 100 out of 2,100 patients remained at the general hospital. Others had been sent home, they said. (KUNA)

Stabbed to death: A woman was beaten and stabbed to death in her apartment as neighbours listened to her screams without going to help, police said.

Ruth Veler, 29, was repeatedly stabbed in the

abdomen with her own kitchen knife and beaten on the head, police said. No one called the police emergency number until 11 pm (0300 GMT) on Saturday, an hour after the screams were first heard.

"Someone should have done something sooner," said Stella Schechtman, the owner of the three-family house in a comfortable, middle-class section of Brooklyn, New York.

A neighbour who finally went to the victim's second-floor apartment an hour after the violence began found Veler, a computer programmer, dead amid a clutter of smashed furniture and overturned house plants. Police said the assailant may have been a robber, and they were questioning several people. (AP)

Tiger kills 3 villagers: A tiger has killed three people in north India in the past week, the Press Trust of India reported on Monday.

It said villagers in the hills of Uttar Pradesh state were terrified to leave their homes at night after last week's attacks on the outskirts of Kirinagar.

Villagers have asked the state government for protection from attacks, which PTI said were blamed on the destruction of tigers' natural habitat by tree-felling and urbanisation. (Reuters)

30 killed in bus crash: A bus plummeted 90 metres (300 feet) into a gorge near the central Indian town of Sidhi, killing at least 30 passengers, news agencies reported on Monday.

Five people survived the crash and were hospitalized in serious condition. United News of India and Press Trust of India news agencies said.

Rescue teams have removed all the bodies from the wreckage, UNI said. (AP)

Row over rabbi's comment

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. Aug 14, (Agencies): Right-wing and Jewish settler leaders said today a leading rabbi's declaration that Jewish law could permit trading occupied land for peace is dangerous and may lead to "the bloodshed of our homeland."

The statement by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef last night drew the strongest ire from the settler movement Gush Emunim, or Bloc of the Faithful, which believes that Jews must retain the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for religious reasons.

"It's a shame that a great man of Israel did damage to the nation of Israel, especially now when we need to be united," said Gush Emunim spokesman Noam Arnon.

Yosef, spiritual mentor of the ultra-orthodox Shas Party, is considered one of the greatest living experts on halacha, or Jewish law.

His statements also were regarded as significant since he is a leading figure among sephardi, or Middle Eastern Jews, who make up more than half the Jewish population of Israel.

It was uncertain what political effect his declaration might have on sephardim, who are strong supporters of the right-wing Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

■ The Palestine Liberation Organisation recently received information from one of the Western countries that the Israeli intelligence agency (Mossad) is plotting to assassinate prominent Palestinian figures, press reports said in Abu Dhabi today.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Appeal for sperm: Hong Kong's sperm banks are running so low family planners have asked local police to step forward and donate.

"According to traditional Chinese thought, the idea of donating sperm is very difficult to accept," said Wong Kwun-Sing, assistant director of the Family Planning Association.

Wong said the police were ideal. "They are predominantly Chinese and male and they are very well organised when it comes to community services," he said. (Reuters)

Fire kills 11, injures 70:

At least 11 people were killed and 70 injured in a fire sparked by lightning at an oil depot near the coastal city of Qingdao, an official report said on Monday.

The English-language newspaper China Daily cited government casualty figures for the fire, which began Saturday at the Huangdao depot.

Earlier reports had said five people died, 86 were injured, and 12 were missing. There was no explanation for difference in casualty figures, and city officials did not answer telephone calls this afternoon.

Monday's report said the fire near Qingdao city, southeast of Beijing, had been brought under control but was not fully put out by late Sunday. (AP)

Danger of starvation:

Earthquake victims trapped for almost two weeks in isolated reaches of Irian Jaya may be in danger of starvation unless rescue workers reach them with food, officials said on Monday.

Rescue efforts continued in Indonesia's easternmost province, where the death toll from the Aug 1 quake rose to 120, with at least 60 hospitalised and an undetermined number missing.

Workers have been unable to reach isolated pockets and are fearful survivors may be running low on food, officials said.

The government plans to relocate 10,000 residents of the region to more stable land. But Supardjo Rustant, co-ordinating minister for people's welfare, said the move will not be accomplished easily because the residents, members of the Dhani tribe, are bound by their traditions and reluctant to leave.

"Therefore, we must be able to guarantee that the people's welfare will improve in the new area," Supardjo said. (UPI)



Vietnamese boat people

Two Vietnamese boat people look out of a lorry while on route from Stone Cutters Island, a temporary home for newly arrived to a more permanent refugee centre in Hong Kong yesterday. Both Army and police vehicles were used to transport roughly 800 people yesterday. Meanwhile another 137 Vietnamese refugees arrived in southern Japan early

yesterday in a 20-metre (62-foot) wooden boat, said a spokesman for the Maritime Safety Agency. The group has brought the total number of boat people reaching Nagasaki prefecture — the main arrival point in Japan — to 729 since May 1989. (Reuters wirephoto)

Crash worst ever

'Fell like a streamer'

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia, Aug 14, (Agencies): Several of the 13 balloonists who fell 3,300 feet (1,000 m) to their deaths apparently jumped away from the plummeting basket in a vain attempt for "a better chance" as others simply embraced, a rescuer said.

One former world champion balloonist called the Sunday sunrise accident the worst in ballooning history.

The balloon crashed yesterday after scraping the gondola of another balloon 2,000 feet (609 metres) over the Australian outback, officials said.

Witnesses said the balloon "folded and fell to earth" from 3,300 feet (1,000 m) about nine miles (14 km) south of the Alice Springs Airport in the vast "outback" of central Australia. The balloon's descent lasted 51 seconds, officials said.

"The balloon fell to the ground like a streamer," witness Mike Crofts said.

"There was the ripping as the top of the balloon blew us tore apart, then you could hear a rush of air," said a man, who was riding in another balloon at the time and who asked not to be identified. "We think the pilot put his burner on once it started falling, trying frantically to pump up the envelope but it was too late."

Other witnesses said they could see the accident developing before the collision occurred.

"I could see one of the balloons rising fast under another one," said a West German tourist, Irene Fielder, who was in a third balloon. "The lower balloon then came up and hit the other balloon. Its top was touching the basket and it was shaking the passengers around. I knew something horrible was going to happen."

Ken Watts, who was piloting a balloon four miles (6.4 kilometres) from where the accident occurred, told the Australian Associated Press: "It just folded up and plummeted to Earth. Myself and my passengers were sickened."

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Bureau of Air Safety banned all balloon flights over Alice Springs while they investigated the accident. Police also were viewing an amateur videotape of the crash.

All 13 people aboard the balloon died in the crash, and more than one appeared to have jumped away from the falling balloon, rescue worker Kezia Purich said.

"There were a few (bodies) away from the actual basket. Perhaps they may have jumped out of the basket thinking they had a better chance," she said.

"But the people in the basket were all huddled together with arms around each other. Effectively, the balloon just dropped out of the sky."

It took police three hours to remove the bodies, which were wedged tightly in the bottom of the basket. The red and black striped balloon fabric fell in a heap beside the basket, which landed between two small trees.

"Eleven of the dead were from Australia, officials said. A Danish tourist identified by police as Proben Jacobson, 35, and an Italian tourist whose name was not disclosed also perished.

"We all prayed for their safety and began to land our balloon some distance away," said Fielder. "It completely collapsed before it hit the ground."

Toddy's Balloon Safaris, owners of the balloon, refused to comment on the accident.

The balloon was one of four taking part in a sunrise flight that began at Santa Teresa road, 18 miles (29 km) southeast of Alice Springs.

Roger Meadmore, the ballooning world champion in 1983, said the accident was the worst in ballooning history.

"In the 206 years of ballooning, none that was airworthy and properly maintained has crashed," Meadmore said today, suggesting the collision must have been sudden and completely unexpected.

Huge shark attacks teen

SYDNEY, Aug 14, (AP): A 17-year-old surfer survived repeated attacks from a 13-foot (three-metre) shark, losing a large chunk of his surfboard but escaping unharmed, a news report said today.

Michael Guy was surfing with his brother and a friend off the New South Wales coast yesterday when the attack occurred, the report by radio station 2LM said. According to the radio, the shark charged at the teenager's surfboard, throwing him about three feet (one metre) into the air.

Guy regained his board but as he and his friends struggled to catch a wave back to shore, the shark attacked again, biting a large chunk out of the board.



This picture was taken moments before the balloon on the right struck another and crashed 1,000m to the ground. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seoul officials subpoena Kim

Opposition leader to comply

SEOUL, Aug 14, (AP):

Prosecutors said a subpoena was issued today to question Kim Dae-Jung, leader of the largest opposition party, in connection with a North Korean spy case.

Kim, the head of the Party for Peace and Democracy, said he would comply to prove his innocence, but angrily denied he was implicated in any way.

He said he would ask Amnesty International and the Human Rights Institute in the United States to investigate charges that the intelligence agency and prosecutors were purposely trying to discredit the opposition.

"Our party efforts to co-operate with the regime of President Roh Tae-Woo are over," Kim said at a news conference. "There can be no dialogue with people out to destroy us."

Prosecutors said Kim would be asked to appear for questioning Aug 22 in connection with a secret visit to Communist North Korea by party lawmaker Suh Kyung-Won last August.

The communist North and the capitalist South have been enemies since the division of the peninsula at the end of World War II. They fought the Korean war from 1950-53.

Suh, 52, and an aide, Pang Yang-Kyun, 34, were formally indicted Saturday on charges of serving as agents of North Korea. If convicted, they could receive a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Kim has never denied Suh made an illegal trip to North Korea, but said his party was not involved with it and he knew nothing about it until Suh informed party officials shortly before turning himself in June 25.

But prosecutors quoted Suh as confessing that he told Kim Dae-Jung about his trip in mid-April. The prosecutors also quoted

Suh as confessing he had received \$50,000 after meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang and had given \$10,000 to Kim Dae-Jung after returning.

"I never received a penny of money from him," Kim said angrily. "The prosecutor's disclosures are 100 per cent untrue. He never told me anything of a secret trip to North Korea."

Kim said it was common practice in Korean politics for lawmakers to turn over campaign funds to the party treasury. But he said Suh, a former farmer, was known to be one of the poorest legislators and never contributed.

A subpoena also was issued for former PPD floor leader Kim Won-Kie, who prosecutors said also knew of Suh's trip in April, but failed to report it as required by law. The two Kims are not related.

Kim Dae-Jung, who ran for president in 1971 and 1987, was questioned by government investigators last week about whether he knew of Suh's trip in advance or had sent a secret message to North Korean leaders through Suh.

After the 22-hour interrogation, Kim said he had been cleared of all allegations involving him, but officials said their investigation was incomplete and would continue.

Kim argued that a government campaign against him was being waged partly to discredit him before an Aug 18 by-election to fill a vacant national assembly seat from the Seoul area, in which a PPD candidate was leading.

The PPD and the ruling party have said the outcome will be an indicator of voter approval or disapproval of the Roh government.

Kim also said the charges were designed to divert attention from disgraced former president Chun Doo-Hwan, who is in self-imposed rural exile to take responsibility for corruption committed during his seven-year rule.

Dissident groups are demanding that Chun, who left office last year, testify before a legislative committee, which he has refused.

The South Korean government is seeking \$2.3 billion from Japan in reparations for Korean victims of the atomic bombing of two Japanese cities in August 1945 shortly before the end of World War II, a published report said today.

The Dong-A Ilbo, one of the most influential dailies in Korea, said in a front-page story that diplomatic negotiations are under way and the Japanese government was known to be ready to partly accommodate the Seoul request.



Kim Dae-Jung: denial

Kaifu cleared

'Child' a rumour

TOKYO, Aug 14, (Reuters): A Japanese newspaper today apologised and retracted a story saying Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu had an illegitimate daughter.

The Nagoya Times, published in central Japan, said in its Aug 4 edition that Kaifu had a child from a relationship with a former model.

"There is no truth to the illegitimate child," read the headline of the newspaper's main story today.

"Our newspaper continued its investigation of the matter and it became clear that 'the illegitimate child' was a rumour which was not based on fact," it said.

The Foreign Ministry said Magoya Times president Tadashi Yokouchi apologised for the article during a visit to the prime minister's office. Kaifu had demanded that the newspaper retract and apologise for the report.

"I feel strong resentment about such an irresponsible report," Kaifu last Friday told his first news conference since becoming prime minister. "I myself was surprised."

The Shukan Post, a weekly magazine, quoted the newspaper report in its latest edition but said the woman allegedly involved had denied the relationship.

Japanese flee death threat in Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 14, (Reuters): Beijing's big and normally boisterous Japanese community has almost faded from sight with the approach of the deadline of an anti-Japanese death threat.

Japanese businessmen in China's capital have been advised to send their families home and take precautions after the threat to kill two Japanese a month from Aug 15 unless they stopped their "economic invasion of China."

A group calling itself the "Glory through dare-to-die command" sent letters in July to the Japan Air Lines office in Beijing, two Japanese consulates and at least two companies in Shanghai, officials have said.

The letters accused Japan on colluding with China's communist rulers and were widely believed to be an attempt to inflict economic damage on China in retaliation for the bloody military crackdown on June 14.

Many Japanese, like other foreigners, fled Beijing after the hundreds, and possibly thousands were killed in the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators. The threats have convinced more to leave or to postpone plans to return.

"The Japanese embassy has had to take it (the threat) seriously. The business community is taking it very seriously," a Japanese official here said.

An international removal company has transported 50 Japanese households back home over the past four weeks. Only two shipments have been made for their replacements, an executive of the firm said.

"A general pattern is that the family and belonging go home and daddy moves into the safety of a hotel to live out of a suitcase," said the executive who asked not to be named.

Guards stand sentry outside Japanese corporate offices in one prestigious building and plainclothes police whisper into walkie-talkies in Beijing hotels where Japan Air Lines has its office and many businessmen live.

Of some 3,000 Japanese diplomats, businessmen and their families resident in Beijing before June 4, only about 720 remain, said a Japan external trade organisation official.

The Japanese are the biggest foreign community in Beijing. Loans from Tokyo and western banks brought in by free-spending residents and tourists are invaluable fuel for China's modernisation drive.

But the June military suppression and the imposition of martial law have damaged business confidence and contributed to a slump in trade, businessmen said.

Japan's exports to China fell in July for the second consecutive month, dropping 10.3 per cent to \$742.9 million from the same month a year ago.

Beijing university, a hot-bed of recent campus unrest, will send all of next term's new students to Army academies for a year's military and political training, a university official said today.

Huang Weicheng, head of the president's office, said October's intake of first-year students would also be cut to 800 from the more than 2,000 originally planned.

"The students will go through military and political training. They, men and women, will learn basic culture and military affairs," he said.

Authorities will replace Minister of Culture Wang Meng and two viceministers, including an artist under attack for his role in "The Last Emperor," in a continuing purge of liberal elements in cultural circles, sources said.

Tibetan exiles urge UN move

GENEVA, Aug 14, (AP): Close to 100 Tibetan exiles gathered in front of Geneva's UN office today to denounce what speakers claimed are gross abuses of human rights in Tibet by the Chinese authorities.

Pamphlets distributed at the peaceful demonstration said there were still up to 4,000 Tibetans, including hundreds of monks, in Chinese prisons to serve sentences for "counter-revolutionary activities."

At a press conference, Kelsang Gyaltsen, a representative of the Dalai Lama, called on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to take the initiative to promote a peaceful solution of the Tibetan problem.

Gyaltsen voiced regret that the situation in Tibet was not a specific item on the agenda of a UN panel currently discussing human rights practices in various regions.

But UN sources said the Chinese policies, including the June crackdown on the pro-democracy movement, were likely to be reviewed later this week in a general debate at the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Before Beijing took China's UN seat in 1971, the UN General Assembly adopted several resolutions deploring the "persistent violations" of the rights of the Tibetan people.

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Two youths flash a gang sign as they pass the Watts Towers in Los Angeles. (Reuter wirephoto)

Crack gangs go high-tech

LOS ANGELES, Aug 14, (Reuter): Los Angeles street gangs are going high-tech — using computers, fax machines and car telephones to sell millions of dollars' worth of "crack" cocaine.

They work with lawyers and accountants, set up mail funds and buy legitimate businesses, such as car dealerships and motels, to launder drug money.

"The days when rival gangs fought each other only over turf (territory) and colours are fading fast," the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration said in a report called "Crack cocaine — overview 1989" which outlines the new gang lifestyle.

"Gang turf, which is still marked with graffiti in Los Angeles, now involves more than bragging rights — it is sales territory," the report said.

"Crack is problem of epidemic proportions in Los Angeles, (and nearby) Riverside, Santa Barbara and Las Vegas."

"Gangs are extremely violent...There is no remorse when killing innocent bystanders...and they will kill policeman in cold blood. This type of violence brings greater prestige to the shooter," the report said.

"Informers, 'welders' and competitors are ruthlessly punished and many have been assassinated," it added.

Police estimate there are 400 gangs in Los Angeles with 50,000 members. Three thousand people have been killed in gang violence in Los Angeles since 1980 and 15,000 have been seriously injured.

Police estimate half the victims were innocent bystanders.

"The most violent age group is 14 to 18 according to the report.

Los Angeles black gangs, or sets, which come loosely together in two groups known as Crips and Bloods, sell crack, or cocaine hydrochloride, the powdered form of the drug, mixed with baking soda or ammonia and water.

"The smoking of crack is the most efficient way of ingesting cocaine and the crack user receives an almost instantaneous 'high' lasting eight to 10 minutes, which is often followed by depression and manic episodes," the report said.

The gangs, which have distribution networks through the western United States, sell crack for between \$15,000 and \$19,500 a kg (2.2 pounds). They also divide it into "rocks," which weigh about a tenth of gram and sell for \$10 to \$20 each or \$100,000 to \$200,000 a kg.

There have been cases in which users have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in a year on

"rocks," the report said.

"Since it is virtually impossible to produce the amounts of money needed to sustain a crack habit, the frequent or compulsive user is forced into criminal activities, such as robbery, drug trafficking or prostitution, to generate the needed funds to purchase the drug."

Many crack users also become addicted to alcohol, tranquilizers or heroin, which are all taken to alleviate the unpleasant side-effects of the use of crack.

Crips and Bloods sets are showing signs of co-operating to promote drug sales and to set up funds for bail and lawyers, the report said. The gangs are using computers, fax machines and car telephones as a matter of course to carry out business, it added.

The gangs have their own "colour," the Crips favouring blue clothing and the Bloods red. Members also like large gold chains and rings.

Each gang is divided into sets, with names such as Harlem Godfather Crips, Playboy Gangster Crips, Hoover Crips, Black P-Stone Bloods, Villains Bloods, Brims Bloods and Family Bloods.

The gangs are made up mostly of blacks between the age of 12 and 24. The average age is 18, but the "shot callers," or set leaders, are usually in their late 20s or early 30s.

Drug users bad for business

Testing job applicants saves money

NEW ORLEANS, Aug 14, (AP) Postal workers who tested positive for drug use were more prone to absenteeism and getting fired, according to a new study that could give private employers an indication of the cost of workers' drug use.

The analysis, one of the first studies of its kind, found that drug users had a 41 per cent higher absentee rate and about a 40 per cent higher rate of being fired, said researcher Jacques Normand.

Results suggest that by spending about \$1.8 million a year to screen job applicants for drugs, the US Post Office could avoid about \$3.1 million in costs related to absenteeism and firing in the first year, he said. Over three years, the avoided costs

would surpass \$17 million, he said.

For private employers, the study provides hard data showing that drug screening results are related to later job performance, he said.

Normand, a senior industrial psychologist at the US Postal Service in Washington, presented the study yesterday at the annual meeting in Washington Psychological Association.

Few well-designed studies have examined the cost to employers of worker drug use, said Steven Gust of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Estimates have relied mostly on anecdotal information instead, said Gust, who called Normand's work provocative.

Normand said the Post Office is phasing in drug testing as part of its evaluation of job applicants.

Results of the drug tests on people included in the study were not revealed to personnel officials to ensure that the results did not influence hiring decisions.

A total of 5,465 applicants at 21 hiring sites across the country were screened by urine test for use of amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, methadone, opiates and phenylclidine.

The job performance analysis focused on the 4,220 applicants who were hired and completed a standard 90-day probationary period.

Captors escape

Gunmen release hostages

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug 14, (AP) Four heavily armed fugitives escaped yesterday in a plane they received in exchange for three hostages, police said.

The hostages, two television reporters and a driver, were unharmed, the officer said.

The gunmen, identified as two married couples, who earlier obtained a \$42,000 ransom in exchange for a 9-year-old boy they had kidnapped, traded their captives for an aircraft and a pilot. Nivaldo de Pirodri told the Associated Press from Presidente Prudente, 636 miles (1,023 kilometres) southwest of Rio de Janeiro.

"The plane departed late this afternoon but is flying at a very low altitude and we are not able to pick them up on the radar."

The plane's pilot, Aniceto de Oliveira Gomes, a rancher and mayor of the rural town of Pantufila in central Goias State, volunteered to fly the hostages to a destination of their choice, Pirodri said.

Two helicopter pilots earlier had refused to fly the kidnappers unless they surrendered their arms.

The plane's departure marked the end of a three-day standoff between police and the fugitives, who had been holding the hostages in an armoured car on a highway at the border of Sao Paulo and Parana States.

Oliveira Gomes landed his plane at a nearby farm and the fugitives drove to meet him before releasing the hostages, Pirodri said.

On Aug 3, 9-year-old Said Agel Filho was abducted in front of his home in the central Brazilian city of Goiânia, 850 miles (1,260 kilometres) northwest of the capital.

Swap

Six days after the kidnapping, police found the house on the outskirts of Goiânia where the two couples were holding the boy. Police exchanged the boy for \$42,000, the armoured car, a driver, and three local television reporters who volunteered to exchange places with the kidnapper.

The television reporters were identified as Solange Franco, Monica Calassa and Carla Monteiro. The kidnappers later released Monteiro, then headed for the Goiânia Airport, where authorities refused to exchange the hostages for an airplane.

The armoured car then sped off for 500 miles (800 kilometres) through three states with the police close behind. During one stop at a roadside cafe, one kidnapper stepped out of the armoured car and held a pistol to a hostage's head.

Deadline

The chase ended early Friday when the kidnappers stopped on a highway near Presidente Prudente. The kidnappers had set a 3pm (1800 GMT) Saturday deadline to swap their captives for food, a pilot and a helicopter to fly them to Paraguay, police said.

But helicopter pilots refused to fly the craft when the kidnappers demanded they carry grenades, a sub-machine-gun, pistols and shotguns aboard, he said.

The fugitives, who spent Saturday in the armoured car surrounded by police, agreed to swap their captives for a piloted plane to take them to Paraguay, officials said.

The standoff was the third in Brazil in four months in which criminals took hostages.

In early July, six heavily armed men hijacked a packed passenger bus in the northeastern state of Bahia after an unsuccessful bank robbery attempt.

After being chased 200 miles (320 kilometres) across the back woods of northeastern Brazil with three hostages, police shot and killed three of the fugitives.

In April, five men in a remote northeastern town robbed a bank, took five hostages and fled by plane 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometres) to the Amazon. Four of the five robbers later committed suicide after their last hostage escaped.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ROME: Juliet's Balcony in Verona has been reopened to the public, but Romeo won't be allowed to climb down from it.

The balcony, open to tourists and used in a summer production of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, was closed briefly out of fear that heavy rains and cracks discovered would cause it to collapse, newspapers reported Sunday.

This weekend, however, local officials oversaw temporary repairs and reopened the 13th-century balcony. But on one condition: "Romeo" must flee from an adjacent third-story window.

The balcony will be fully restored at the end of the season, said Maurizio Polica, Verona cultural councilman (UPI).

NEWARK, New Jersey: A 70-year-old Englishman who sailed alone from Britain to southern New Jersey last year has had smoother landings, but he trimmed 13 days off his journey on the return trip to break his own world record, officials say.

Peter Cloke, the harbour master in the Cornish port of Bude, confirmed that Stefan Swarnowski, landed his 34-foot (7.3 metres) sailboat at Sandy Mouth, in Cornwall, England, at about 0300 GMT Sunday.

Swarnowski's vessel, the Tawney Pippet, ran up on the rocks and was damaged. Cloke said in a telephone interview, Swarnowski was treated for minor injuries, but was reported to be in good health. (AP).

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: A retirement programme for chimpanzees used in hepatitis and AIDS research will house them in \$63,000 air-conditioned bungalows, repayment for the apes' service to humanity, a researcher says.

"We don't think of any of the animals as just tools of research," said Dr Jorg Eichenberg, director of veterinary resources at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research. "They've done so much for mankind, this is one way we can pay them back."

A \$2.9 million "pension" fund is being established at a San Antonio bank with some of the chimpanzees' "earnings." The research grants and fees, paid by private and government research institutions to use the animals, the Dallas Morning News paper reported Sunday. (AP).

HUNTING, West Virginia: A church group found a way to take books on the occult and satanism out of circulation. They bought more than 200 of them at a Sheriff's auction.

The Guyanote Baptist Association bid \$3.75 a book for the 251-book collection, whose titles included An Encyclopedia of Occultism, The Complete Book of Witchcraft and Sex Magic.

Mike Eddy, pastor of the Barboursville Baptist Church, said the books needed to be kept from the public. (AP).

WAGENINGEN, Netherlands: A group calling itself The Seething Spots claimed responsibility Friday for destroying 400 genetically altered potato plants that are part of a research project, police said.

The protest caused a delay of at least one year in research at the Agriculture Ministry's ITAL Institute, which planted the potatoes in June, said institute spokesman Willem Stiekema.

The potato plants were ripped out of the ground early Thursday, said police spokesman H. Martia. No arrests were made.

In a letter to the Dutch National News Agency, the group said the protest was aimed at the use of genetic manipulation to make potatoes more resistant to herbicides. (AP).

NEW YORK: Former Miss America Bess Myerson and her boyfriend, Carl Capasso who recently finished a two-year prison term for tax evasion, are not living together but are still a couple, Capasso says.

"I'm a single parent in an apartment with kids in it, and she has her own apartment. We live separately but we're together," Capasso told the New York Post in an interview published Thursday.

Asked about marriage, Capasso grinned and said, "listen, that's the one thing that could break up any relationship." (AP).

SACRAMENTO, California: Gov. George Deukmejian will join Josselyn Rivers when they help publisher Malcolm Forbes celebrate his 70th birthday in a castle in Tangiers.

Deukmejian, who never had a passport until his second term as governor, also will attend to state business in New York before and after the Tangiers festivities.

Spokesman Kevin Brett said Thursday the state is paying for the New York trip, but Forbes is paying for the trip to Tangiers, where he has a castle. (AP).

Co-inventor of the transistor dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 14, (AP) By helping to invent the transistor, William Shockley did as much to shape the modern world as Louis Pasteur or Madame Curie, colleagues said. But he died with a reputation tarnished by his controversial racial theories.

Shockley, who shared the 1956 Nobel prize for physics, died Saturday of prostate cancer at his home, the campus of Stanford University, the university said yesterday. He was 79.

He was among the fathers of the electronic age, but spent his later years defending himself amid



Jagger in action

Secret concert

The Stones rock

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 14, (AP) At 6 p.m. it was a rumour. By 8 p.m. it was a sellout. By midnight, it was a memory.

The Rolling Stones commanded a small club Saturday for a surprise start to their 1989 tour, ending their exile at a vacant girls school by rocking for 700 fans with good connections to the rumour mill who paid \$3 apiece for an hour-long, greatest hits-dominated set.

"Thank you. Good, good, good. We've been playing for ourselves the last six weeks," Mick Jagger told the screaming crowd at the Stones' first US appearance in eight years. The group had been rehearsing for weeks at the Wychem Rise School in rural Washington, Connecticut.

The crowd ignored the sign outside announcing the previously scheduled bill: "Tonight: Rock dance party with the Cruiser. Admission \$3.01." By 8 p.m. the doors were closed as latecomers sprinted down York Street in a vain effort to get in.

Why New Haven? "It was a thank-you to Connecticut for the hospitality," explained harried Stones tour publicist Lynn Tanzman of the last-minute decision. Toad's co-owner Brian Phelps said he was called Friday about the show.

CENTRAL CITY, Kentucky: The Everly Brothers headed home for a benefit concert to help this western Kentucky coal-mining town revive its founding economy.

Organisers hoped that 20,000 fans would travel to Central City this weekend to hear Phil and Don Everly sing favourites such as Bye Bye Love and Wake Up Little Susie. It's the second annual concert featuring the Everlys, who spent their childhood summers in the area. (AP).

SAN JOSE, California: Ernie Konnyu, who lost his position last year as a US Congressman, is looking for a job, so he has taken out an advertisement in the Wall Street Journal under the heading "Positions wanted."

The six-line ad lists an impressive resume for Konnyu, 52, including experience as an auditor and as an air force major. He knows some world leaders and even met the Pope once. (AP).

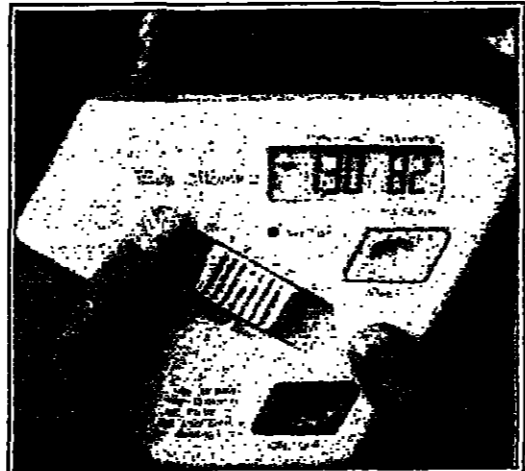
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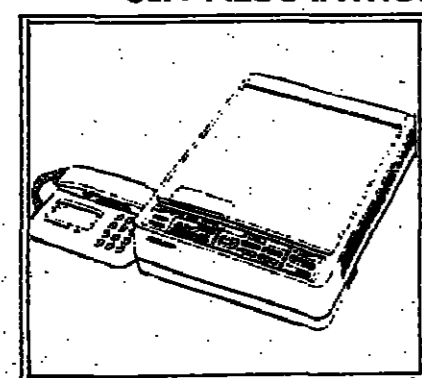
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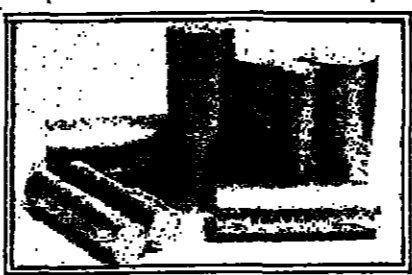
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Hell of a time

Three Soviet soldiers and a girl enjoy themselves on the closing night of the Moscow Music Peace Festival on Sunday night as Scorpions, Ozzy Osbourne, Bon Jovi and other heavy metal bands performed on stage. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviet security keeps rockers in line

MOSCOW, Aug 14. (AP): Soviet youth poured into Moscow to hear American heavy metal heroes yesterday, but 10,000 security men and rockers with "Just say nyet" buttons kept the concert from getting too intoxicating.

"If the people weren't here, there would be drugs and drinking and making love," said Anna Rvinskaya, an 18-year-old Moscow mother dressed in the metal bracelets and tight, short blue-jean skirt favoured by her motorcycle gang.

"But what can you do with police everywhere?" she shrugged.

The police were everywhere, among the 100,000 people gathered for the second day of ear-shattering heavy metal sounds from the likes of Bon Jovi, Scorpions and Ozzy Osbourne. It was Moscow's biggest festival of foreign rock music, which for years was condemned as an infectious item on Western decadence.

Moscow militia in blue, riot police in black, KGB agents in dark civilian clothes and

young toughs in uniform track suits and T-shirts lined the stage and aisles throughout the packed Lenin Stadium in Moscow's Luzhniki district.

Soviet impresario Stas Namin said he and the foreign organisers of the concert had requested the overwhelming security. He said Soviet authorities have never allowed so many young people to gather in one place, and they didn't know what to expect.

Authorities might have suffered extra anxiety since the crowd came dressed in chains and skin-tight leather.

34 jurists killed in 1988-89

GENEVA, Aug 14. (Reuters): Thirty-four lawyers and judges in seven countries were killed while carrying out their professional duties in 1988 and the first half of 1989, a private international jurists' body said today.

Colombia had the worst record with at least 20 judges and lawyers killed, while six were slain in the Philippines and two each in Peru, Haiti and Brazil, the Geneva-based Inter-

national Commission of Jurists (ICJ) said.

Other killings took place in El Salvador and Sri Lanka, it added.

"In all too many countries lawyers risk their liberty and even their lives when they carry out their professional obligations.... judges continue to face sanctions and personal risks in trying to uphold the rule of law," the ICJ said.

The names of the victims appeared in a list of 144 persecuted judges and lawyers in 31 countries compiled by a 17-member centre for the independence of judges and lawyers, formed by the ICJ to promote independence of the judiciary and the legal profession.

The report named 37 lawyers it said had been detained, 38 attacked or threatened with violence and 13 banned.

Shuttle crew keeps silent

SPACE CENTRE, Houston, Aug 14. (AP): The crew of the shuttle Columbia maintained the official silence on its voyage after returning safely to earth from a military mission believed to include the deployment of a spy satellite.

"We had a great time," Air Force Col Mark Brown said after the Columbia glided to a pinpoint landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California early yesterday.

Neither he nor the other four astronauts had much else to say about the five-day, one-hour and 56-minute flight, the first for the country's oldest shuttle in more than 31-2 years.

The crew was resting today but will return to the Johnson Space Centre tomorrow to begin a series of briefings about their flight, officials said.

The five astronauts and their wives returned home to Houston last afternoon. They were greeted at Ellington Field by their families and about 300 cheering friends and co-workers.

"It wasn't nice, it was fantastic," pilot Richard Richards, a Navy commander and one of three space rookies on the flight, told the crowd.

"Our mission went perfectly smooth," said Brown, a mission specialist and another first-timer in space. "The vehicle was flawless."

A news blackout ordered by the Department of Defense prevailed over the entire flight, and only a few brief announcements broke the official silence. Even the landing was closed to the public.

The main goal of the mission was widely believed to be deployment of a powerful, 10-ton spy satellite that can take highly detailed photographs of military installations, troop movements and other targets around the world. Such a satellite would help the United States verify Soviet compliance with arms treaties.

Air Force Secretary Donald Rice confirmed last week that the astronauts had deployed a satellite several hours after blast-off Tuesday from Cape Canaveral, Florida, but he would not elaborate about its purpose.

The astronauts also were believed to have conducted experiments related to a planned space-based missile defence system and performed tests aimed at determining the feasibility of monitoring military sites from space.

The flight was the first for Columbia since January 1986, when the spacecraft flew on a mission that landed just 10 days before the Challenger explosion, which killed seven astronauts.

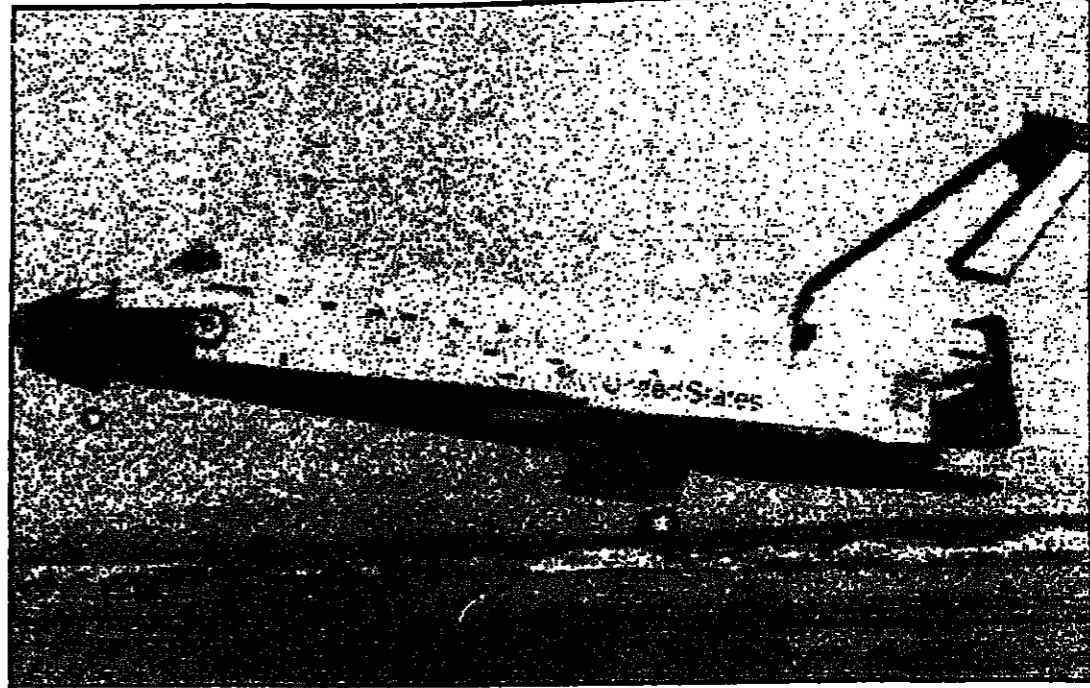
Columbia had remained in the hangar while the two newer shuttles, Discovery and Atlantis, made two trips each since manned missions resumed last September. Columbia eventually was overhauled, undergoing more than 250 modifications.

The mission was the 30th shuttle flight overall. Three more shuttle flights are planned this year and nine are scheduled in 1990.

Boat sinks

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Aug 14. (AP): A 166-foot (50-metre) fish processor sank in Ketchikan Harbor at the southeastern point of Alaska, leaving behind an oil slick, the US Coast Guard said yesterday.

The Ocean Pacific began to list slightly Saturday evening and by about 9 pm (0100 GMT), all crew members were safely evacuated to another fishing vessel tied up nearby, said Coast Guard petty officer Greg Robinson.



Columbia lands safely at Edwards Air Force Base on Aug 13. (Reuters wirephoto)



US Navy Cmdr David Leestma reunited with his family after his return from flight in space in the shuttle Columbia. (Reuters wirephoto)

It was 20 years ago today

NEW YORK, Aug 14. (AP): Echoes of the Woodstock Musical Festival reverberate in US society 20 years after the counterculture concert rocked the nation. But when it comes to rock 'n' roll itself, most people say the tune has gone flat.

Eight in 10 American adults have heard of the Woodstock Festival, held from Aug 15-17, 1969, on a muddy farm in New York state — and three in 10 of them wish they had attended, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

That high level of awareness was rooted in a view of Woodstock as more of a historical milestone than simply a show. Most regard it as the expression of a social movement, and half of them said that movement continues today.

Yet the view of Woodstock was not an idealised one. While nearly six in 10 of those who knew of the festival said it has had a lasting effect on American society, one half of them said the effect was a positive one.

Even more striking was the widely held opinion that times have changed for the better. Just a quarter said the Woodstock era was a better time than today, while half viewed it a worse time than now.

But respondents were critical of the course of rock 'n' roll music, the raucous hallmark of the Woodstock era: rock music of the Woodstock days was rated twice as highly as the rock 'n' roll of today. Nearly half of all respondents said they still listen to Woodstock-era rock.

The poll, conducted among a random sample of 1,163 adults nationwide, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

As could be expected, it found a dramatic generational division in views of Woodstock. For example, 40 per cent of those younger than 45 would have liked to have attended, compared with just 10 per cent of the older respondents.

Moreover, among those who saw a lasting social impact of Woodstock, more than 60 per cent of the younger group said it was a positive effect, while only about a quarter of the older group agreed.

Interest in rock music followed similar lines. More than 60 per cent of those under 45 said they listen to Woodstock-era rock now, evidence of the sizeable audience for "classic rock" radio programming in the United States. Of those 45 and older, just 22 per cent are tuned in to Woodstock rock.

Overall, 50 per cent rated rock music of the late 1960s and early 1970s as excellent or good, while just 27 per cent gave those favourable ratings to the rock 'n' roll of today. Among respondents under 45, seven in 10 gave high ratings to Woodstock rock, while only four in 10 approved of newer rock.

Tail engine disintegrates

Boeing aborts takeoff

DENVER, Aug 14. (AP): A Continental Airlines 727 aborted its takeoff in Denver yesterday when its tail engine disintegrated, scattering pieces of metal and rotor blades on the runway.

The pilot of flight 1249 to Portland, Oregon, reported "a flameout" and was forced to return to the gate, said Richard Boulware, airport spokesman. He said there were no injuries reported among the 128 passengers and seven crew members.

A preliminary look at the Boeing 727's No.2 engine, which is mounted in the tail of the plane, showed an apparent failure in the turbine section, said Continental spokesman Ned Walker in Houston.

He said an initial examination of the engine showed no external damage but inside "apparently

some blades in the turbine section were missing. It appears it was completely contained within the turbine section."

Airport workers "discovered a substantial number of rotor blades and scrap metal on the runway," Boulware said.

Walker said the airline believes a portion of the plane "disintegrated" but did not explode, since the debris did not penetrate other portions of the aircraft.

"It is very unusual to have an engine do that on a 727. I can't remember the last time it happened, if it actually ever happened before," said Tom Cole, a spokesman for Boeing in Seattle. He said the engine was manufactured by Pratt and Whitney.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Salmonella outbreak probed

LONDON, Aug 14. (KUNA): British health experts today were probing a new salmonella outbreak which has hit 21 staff members at a hospital.

The staff, including 15 catering people, are all from Liverpool's Broad Green General Hospital, northern England, a Regional Health Authority spokesman said.

Health officials were trying to establish the cause of the outbreak.

A spokesman said that the virus had not spread to the 300 patients at the hospital.

Half of UK women harassed

LONDON, Aug 14. (KUNA): More than half of Britain's women are victims of sexual harassment, according to a new survey released here today.

The latest research showed that many of the 1,000 women questioned believed their ordeal was inevitable.

They viewed sexual assault and harassment as just something they have to put up with. "Living Magazine" indicated that about 13 million women have suffered such so-called "minor offences".



A Canadian on a MiG-29

Canadian armed forces Major Bob Wade (left) jokes with Soviet Valeri Menitsky, chief test pilot of A-1 Mikoyan Design Bureau after Wade became the first North or South American to pilot a Soviet MiG-29. Wade shared pilot duties with Menitsky during the final day of the airshow here. (Reuters wirephoto)

Greek troops help fight fire

KHALKIDHIKI, Greece, Aug 14. (AP): Troops and firemen backed by fire-fighting aircraft struggled today to bring a two-day forest blaze under control on this peninsula in the northeastern part of the country.

An official of the National Forest Fire Control Centre said that troops had been called in to assist the fire-fighters as well as six planes dumping water and chemicals on the wildfire.

Fanned by a strong northerly wind, the fire has destroyed over 1,000 stremmas or 100 hectares of forest land on the Middle Finger of the pine-three-laden peninsula.

The official said the blaze started for unknown reasons about 10:00 pm (1900 GMT) yesterday and spread quickly through a thickly wooded area before fire-fighters could arrive at the scene.

Protest staged at disaster site

RAMSTEIN, West Germany, Aug 14. (AP): Nearly 1,000 peace activists, politicians and relatives of the victims of last year's Ramstein air disaster marched yesterday in protest of continued military low-flying exercises.

Hans Georg Wagner, an opposition Social Democrat from the Saarland state legislature, decried the jet exercises over populated regions of West Germany as acts of "terror" and demanded an immediate end to the practice.

Toxic waste to be sent back

LONDON, Aug 14. (AP): A Soviet freighter taking a cargo of PCBs from Canada to Britain will return to Montreal without unloading the toxic waste in Liverpool port, shipping agents said yesterday.

The Leningrad-registered Nadesda Obukhova arrived yesterday in the Dutch port of Rotterdam and was scheduled to sail into the northwest England port Wednesday.

However, its toxic waste consignment will remain on board while other cargo is unloaded, said Transworld Marine Agency, Rotterdam agents for shipowner Baltic Shipping Co.

3rd try at igniting satellite fails

PARIS, Aug 14. (AP): A third attempt by European Space Agency technicians to boost the Hipparchos star-mapping satellite into geostationary orbit failed yesterday.

The satellite, launched Aug 8 from ESA's space centre at Kourou, French Guiana, remains in a "safe orbit," officials at the agency's operations centre in Darmstadt, West Germany said.

Vaccine prevents AIDS in monkeys

BOSTON, Aug 14. (UPI): An experimental vaccine appears to have prevented two monkeys from being infected with the AIDS virus, a promising step in the search for a way to protect humans from the deadly disease, Harvard scientists reported yesterday.

Tests involving the monkey equivalent of the AIDS virus showed for the first time that an animal could be protected from an AIDS virus, the scientists said.

While the results are encouraging, the researchers and other experts stressed the vaccine probably would not work in humans and even the same approach may not work for people.

"The possibility of developing a safe effective vaccine for humans remains an open issue," said Ronald Desrosiers, an associate professor of microbiology and molecular genetics who headed the research. "Our work

provides that it will be possible. The question, however, is not when, but whether."

But the findings are encouraging because they indicate it is possible to provide some protection against the AIDS virus, Desrosiers and others said.

"I think it's significant in that it shows there is at least the feasibility of altering the course of infection with immunisation," said Dr H. Clifford Lane.

Guards detain 'Wall runner'

Eccentric protests

BERLIN, Aug 14. (Agencies): East German border guards today carried off an American citizen — known for his eccentric protests against the Berlin Wall — who crossed the demarcation line carrying a pile of Western newspapers banned in East Germany.

John Runnings, a retired carpenter from Seattle, Washington, is known in Berlin as the "Wall runner" because of his one-man campaign against the Berlin Wall erected 28 years ago by Soviet-backed East German troops.

Observers said that if 71-year-old Runnings were brought to court in East Germany he could be jailed for at least 18 months, as he was already given a suspended sentence for "illegal border crossing" in 1987.

Before crossing the demarcation line today, Runnings told journalists his action was meant to draw attention to the division of the city and the lack of freedom of the press and opinion in East Germany.

"I am not scared, I already spent three months in an East German jail," he said before he walked over to the East German guards who tried to send him back before they carried him off on a stretcher.

Runnings, a regular visitor to Berlin, was arrested by East Ger-

man border guards in November 1986 after he scaled the 10-foot (3.5 m) high wall with a ladder and demonstratively used a hammer to chip at the top of it.

He spent three months in jail before he was given an 18 months suspended sentence.

Runnings has been travelling to Berlin for years to campaign against the wall and was picked up several times by border guards.

His latest action followed a series of demonstrations yesterday marking the 28th anniversary of the wall, built Aug. 13, 1961.

Meanwhile the authorities in Bonn confirmed the West German diplomatic missions in East Berlin and in the Hungarian capital of Budapest remained closed to the public today but that East Germans holed up there would not be thrown out.

The Bonn government said it could not help the East Germans obtain exit visas and 15 of the 131 holed up in the mission to East Berlin left the building yesterday after spending a week there.

A senior West German official met today with Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn for talks focusing on the scores of East Germans refusing to leave the West German embassy in Hungary unless they are allowed to emigrate.

Dane shoots 3 dead

Gunman kills self

COPENHAGEN, Aug 14. (UPI): A Danish tax inspector shot and killed three people at the weekend before shooting himself following a wild car chase with police, the authorities here said today.

Police said Benno Jensen, 45, shot and killed his 10-year-old son Thor who was on a two-day visit, drove to his ex-wife's house and pumped bullets into Esther Marie Krosgaard, 40, and her new husband Knud Jensen, 41.

Knud Jensen's two children, who had been playing in a cellar, found their father badly bleeding

and barely conscious in the kitchen. He whispered the name of the killer before dying, police said.

Police cars and helicopters located Jensen's red vehicle near the central Danish town of Odder. After a short shoot-out Jensen turned his rifle to his head and killed himself.

In the hire-car, police found a rifle, a shotgun, 12 home-made petrol bombs and a list with an undisclosed number of people police say Jensen planned to kill.

Police said today that no direct motive for the killings was immediately evident.

Scientists produce first Z particles

GENEVA, Aug 14. (AP): Scientists at Europe's new particle accelerator, the world's biggest, said today they have produced the first specimens of a kind of particle from which they expect to gain new clues to the basic forces of nature.

The successful start of the atom smasher, the large electron-positron collider, paves the way for ensuring "Europe's position at the forefront of particle physics research throughout the next decade," the European laboratory for particle physics said in a statement.

Scientists shooting beams of particles — electrons and positrons — around the 27-kilometre (17-mile) circular tunnel under the Swiss-French border recorded LEP produce its first so-called Z particle yesterday, said the statement by the lab, known by its former French acronym CERN.

A month after its first test run, LEP's giant detectors, more than 5,000 magnets and other parts have proven to be "working and ready to produce results," Cern said.

By the fall, LEP is expected to produce thousands of Zs daily, creating a greater scope for detailed study than its innovative but less prolific US competitor, the Stanford linear accelerator at Menlo Park, Ca.

LEP, built over eight years with 1.3 billion Swiss francs (\$790 million) from Cern's 14 member states, is the most powerful particle accelerator and the largest scientific instrument ever made, according to Cern.

The machine will recreate with new sophistication the dense swirl of matter just after the big bang, the explosion scientists believe created the universe.

Z particles existed naturally only for an instant after the big bang. By watching them decay into other particles, Cern scientists hope to get new insight into the structure of matter and the development of the universe.

In particular, results of the Z experiments are expected to help complete a scientific model explaining the interaction of nature's postulated four basic forces.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sub in a net

TROMSOE, Norway, Aug 14 (AP): A Norwegian trawler caught an unmarked submarine in its fishing net but the sub's crew used axes and blowtorches to cut the vessel free and it fled without identifying itself, according to a news report.

The trawler Orion was fishing Saturday near Bear Island, 250 miles (400 kilometres) off of northern Norway, when the submarine ran into its nets, dragging the Orion backward, the ship's owner Jens-Petter Kraknes told the Norwegian news agency NTB.

According to the report yesterday, Kraknes declined not to release the submarine unless it identified itself and the sub surfaced quickly.

French millionaire

MOSCOW, Aug 14 (Reuters): A French millionaire of Armenian origin who disappeared last month from his Moscow hotel may have been abducted, an official Soviet spokesman said today.

Soviet law enforcement agencies and the Interior Ministry are searching Moscow, Leningrad, the Armenian capital Yerevan, and other tourist cities for art dealer Garig Badmadian, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskiikh.

Various versions are under consideration, including abduction.

Gremitskiikh told a regular news conference in Moscow.

Performers defect

LONDON, Aug 14 (AP): Six members of East Germany's leading opera company, Komische Oper, have defected in London after a two-week tour at Covent Garden and are expected to settle in West Germany, British news reports said today.

The Daily Express newspaper said the six, including singers and technicians, shipped away from a hotel hours before the 320-member company was due to fly back to East Berlin yesterday.

Officials at Covent Garden's Royal Opera House, the West German embassy and the British Home Office, which deals with asylum requests, all said they knew nothing of the reported defections.

Pirates warning

TOKYO, Aug 14 (Reuters): Japanese ships have been warned to beware of sword-wielding pirates in high-speed boats off Indonesia's Sumatra islands in the South China Sea.

Three pirates, armed with swords, attacked a 43,000-tonne Liberian tanker north of the island on Aug 6, an official of the Shipowners Association of Japan said today.

The pirates, of unspecified nationality, stole \$50,000 yen (\$400,000) cash and valuables from the captain's cabin after tying him up, the officials said.

Thai babies

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (KUNA): Many of the Thai babies smuggled into Malaysia and sold to families here are unwanted or abandoned by their natural parents, according to a report today.

The report said this is posing problems to Thai police and the Bangkok-based centre for the protection of children's rights who thus find it difficult to trace the children's natural parents.

The report quoted co-ordinator of the centre Suphast Koompraphan as saying that the Thai parents will not come forward to claim the babies.

5 Burmese arrested

BANGKOK, Aug 14 (UPI): Burmese security forces have arrested five people including a woman and two of her sons for allegedly setting off two bomb blasts in southern Burma, official Rangoon radio said yesterday.

It said the arrests were for explosions April 9 and July 3 in the town of Kawthaung, also known as Victoria Point, at the southernmost tip of the country.

It identified the arrested as (Mrs) Daw Ohn and two of her sons, My Thaw and Maung Maung, along with Aung Nyunt and Ma Aye Nyein.

Sanctuary

MOSCOW, Aug 14 (AP): Countryside poisoned by radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear plant will be made a sanctuary for scientific study of such phenomena as super-heavy pine needles and abnormal rodents, Tass reported today.

Three regions of Belarus that were excluded from the 1986 accident will be set aside for scientists to observe how radiation affects plants and wildlife, the official news agency said.

Some sections of the Ukraine on the other side of Chernobyl are already being used as study areas.

Anyakuu confident

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug 14 (AP): Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General Eneke Anyakuu said today he is confident of being appointed to replace Secretary-General Sri Shridath Rampal, who is not seeking reappointment.

Anyakuu told reporters he based his confidence on support he had received from the Commonwealth member countries.

Mutiny on board

TOKYO, Aug 14 (KUNA): Japanese authorities today said that the British captain of a Panamanian-registered cargo ship had been held by his crewmen in a mutiny off Japan's Okinawa island.

Bitter Botha steps down

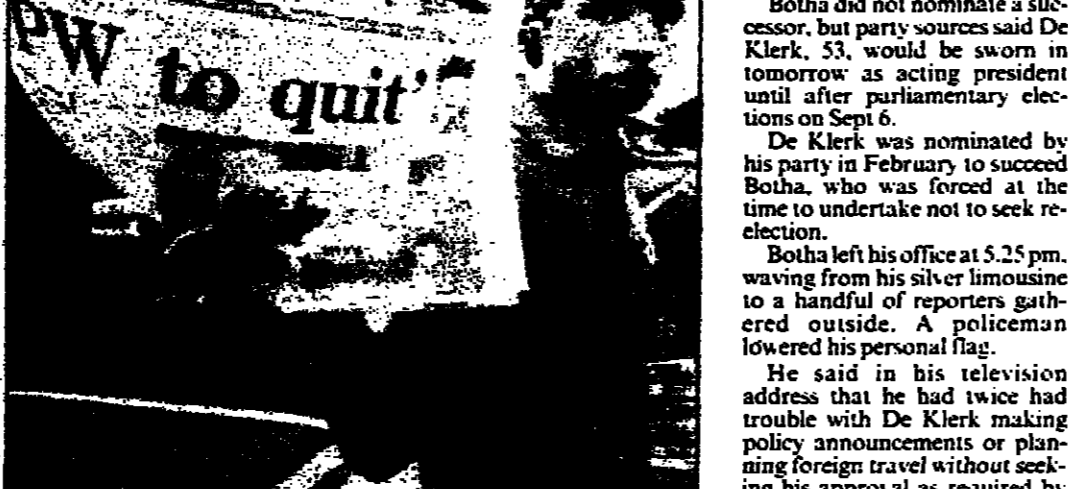
Row over meeting with Kaunda

CAPE TOWN, Aug 14 (Reuters): President P.W. Botha announced his resignation in a television address to the nation today after a bitter row with his apparent F.W. de Klerk, leader of South Africa's ruling white National Party.

Botha, 73, head of the white minority government for almost 11 years, castigated De Klerk for planning talks with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda without consulting him.

"I shall not approve a visit to Dr Kaunda ... at this stage," he said.

Botha said members of his cabinet asked him to resign during a 2-1/2 hour meeting at his Cape Town office today, suggesting he give ill health as a reason.



News of the South African government's leadership crisis hits the streets in Cape Town. (Reuters wirephoto)



Defiance campaign
Anti-apartheid demonstrators take to the streets to back a nation-wide defiance campaign organised by the latest guise of South Africa civil rights campaign, the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM). (Reuters wirephoto)

IJI warned

Zia's death anniversary

ISLAMABAD, Aug 14 (KUNA): Several leaders of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party have warned the opposition Islami Jamhoori Ittehad alliance against involvement in violence and show of strength on the occasion of the first death anniversary of late President General Zia-ul-Haq on Thursday.

Federal Interior Minister Ateez Ahsan, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Aftab Ahmad, Minister of State for Food and Agriculture Mahboob Rahman and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Doctor Ashraf Abbasi have in separate statements said that IJI should abandon plans to transform the anniversary rituals in the courtyard of Saudi-financed Shah Faisal mosque into a political rally.

Such a rally when incited politically would break law and order situation in the capital of Pakistan on the background of reports that the participants have been asked to bring fire-arms with them.

According to IJI plans there would be 'Fateha Khwani' and 'Khatme Quran' prayers for the soul of Zia and mass recitation of the holy book near the grave of Zia on Thursday afternoon.

Three main organisers of the ceremonies, Chaudhry Ejazul Haq, son of Zia, Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab and Shujaat Hussain, Member of Parliament, have said that IJI had no intention indulging in violence on the solemn occasion.

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"To this, I replied that I am not prepared to leave on a lie and I have consequently decided to submit my resignation to the chief justice today with effect from August 15, 1989."

Botha did not nominate a successor, but party sources said De Klerk, 53, would be sworn in tomorrow as acting president until after parliamentary elections on Sept 6.

De Klerk was nominated by his party in February to succeed Botha, who was forced at the time to undertake not to seek re-election.

Botha left his office at 5.25 pm, waving from his silver limousine to a handful of reporters gathered outside. A policeman lowered his personal flag.

He said in his television address that he had twice had trouble with De Klerk making policy announcements or planning foreign travel without seeking his approval as required by cabinet rules.

"After all these years of my best efforts for the National Party and for the government of this country, as well as the security of our country, I am being ignored by ministers serving in my cabinet."

"I consequently have no choice other than to announce my resignation," Botha said.

Botha's resignation announcement, the text of which was issued to the news media before his television appearance, was the climax of a months-long feud with the party he served for more than 50 years. It also paves the way for De Klerk's succession.

De Klerk, was named acting president and was scheduled to be sworn in at 11 am tomorrow at the Government Buildings in Pretoria.

Botha resigned the party leadership after he suffered a mild stroke in January, but made it clear he wanted to stay on as President.

Party sources said he was surprised and angry when De Klerk and not Finance Minister Barend du Plessis was elected in his place and when he came under intense pressure to surrender the presidency.

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Soviets invite Wallenberg family

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug 14 (AP): The Soviet Union has invited family and friends of missing Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg to Moscow to discuss his disappearance 44 years ago, the secretary of the Wallenberg Association said today.

Wallenberg, who would be 77, is credited with saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from Nazi concentration camps in World War II. He was arrested by the Soviet Army entering Budapest in 1945. Moscow has said he died of natural causes in prison in 1947.

Sonja Sonnenfeld, secretary of the Swedish-based association to find and free

Wallenberg, said the invitation to a four-member group indicates the Soviets might release more information about his fate.

"Just to repeat that old information would not be enough to invite us," she said told the Associated Press. "The Soviets must be aware that there should be new aspects."

It was the first time the Soviets had offered to meet Wallenberg's family or officials of the association to discuss the case, Sonnenfeld said. They planned to go in mid-October.

The invitation was to his half-sister Nina Lagergren and half-brother Guy von Dardel. Sonnenfeld and Per Anger, Wallenberg's assistant at the Swedish embassy in Budapest.

Sonnenfeld said the group was promised meetings with high-level officials, "but no names were mentioned and we didn't insist."

Sonnenfeld said pressure had also recently mounted within the Soviet Union to know the truth about Wallenberg, with newspapers publishing detailed articles about him.

"We believe he is still alive and we believe something will happen on this trip," she said.

Wallenberg issued Swedish travel documents to 20,000 Hungarian Jews scheduled to be sent to Nazi death camps. His intervention with German authorities was credited for the survival of another 100,000 Jews from a pre-war community of 750,000.

Crews seeking body of Leland

ADDIS ABABA, Aug 14 (Agencies): Undaunted by bad weather, rescuers began the grim task today of recovering the bodies of US Congressman Mickey Leland and 15 others who died when their airplane crashed into a mountain in southwestern Ethiopia.

The bodies of Leland and 11 of the other 15 people were found yesterday in the wreckage of the twin-engine plane, which disappeared a week ago during bad weather on a flight to a refugee camp near the Sudanese border.

The others were presumed dead in the crash, which one US Air Force pilot described as "unsurvivable."

The search for the other bodies began today in a steep ravine below a jagged cliff about 500 miles (805 kilometres) southwest of the capital.

"The nose of the plane just ran into rocks," said US Congressman Gary Ackerman, who was in the Blackhawk helicopter that first spotted the wreckage of his colleague.

Ackerman, identified his friend by his belongings.

"I found my friend near the place where he was planning to fulfil his mission -- to assist the sick and hungry," Ackerman, his voice cracking and close to tears, told a press conference last evening.

The wings sheared off and the engine and fuselage were burned," Ackerman said after returning to Washington late yesterday.

Leland was chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger and an advocate of US aid to famine-ravaged regions of Africa.

Mourned as a fighter for the homeless and hungry worldwide, Leland was a six-term representative from Houston who began his political career as a firebrand militant but later won the respect of both liberals and conservatives.

Leland often said his commitment to ending hunger was rooted in a trip he made to Sudan in 1984, when a starving young girl died before his eyes at a refugee camp. "Every day I see her face," he told reporters.

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Aerial view showing the wreckage of the plane that disappeared last week. (Inset) Bush expresses profound sadness to reporters after receiving the news of the apparent death of Leland. (Reuters wirephoto)

JVP calls for strike

14 killed in Lanka violence

COLOMBO, Aug 14 (Agencies): Sinhalese radicals called a nationwide strike tomorrow to demand the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping soldiers as military officials reported 14 more deaths in Sri Lanka's ethnic violence.

The killings were reported in several incidents in central and southern Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese heartland, during the 24-hour period ending 2 pm (0830 GMT) today, military officials said. The officials cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The one-day strike was announced by the anti-government People's Liberation Front (JVP) through posters and leaflets in the capital and its suburbs. The strike coincides with India's Independence Day.

The Sinhalese-language posters warned people to stay indoors. Several strikes called earlier by the front in a similar fashion have been largely successful.

Monday's posters denounced the presence of an estimated 43,000 Indian soldiers, deployed in the northeast to oversee a peace accord that aimed to end a Tamil insurrection for an independent nation.

The ultranationalist front says the presence of Indian troops compromises the country's sovereignty.

They also protests the government's peace overtures to the Tamil militants, made through the peace accord that was brokered by India and signed on July 29, 1987.

Tamil militants began the separate campaign in 1983, alleging discrimination against their community by the Sinhalese majority in jobs and education.

Tamils make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

The front says the government gave the minority Tamils too many concessions in the 1987 accord. Sinhalese comprise 75 per cent of the population and control the government and the military.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa's request to India to withdraw its soldiers has failed to appease the extremists. India has pulled out 2,220 soldiers since Premadasa made the request June 1.

Also in Kandy, four unidentified bodies with gunshot wounds were found today, the officials said and blamed the murders on the front.

The other victims were a couple and their son who were hacked to death yesterday by the radicals in central Ratnapura district, the officials said. One radical was shot and killed by Sri Lankan troops in southern Kalutara district, the officials said.

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Walesa close to forming a govt

WARSAW, Aug 14 (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa paid a lightning visit to Warsaw today for talks on creating a non-communist government, and a senior parliamentarian said a deal was almost sealed.

Walesa said after returning to his home in the Baltic city of Gdansk that his main purpose in visiting Warsaw had been to meet Solidarity parliamentary deputies.

"If other matters had cropped up, we would have dealt with them," Walesa said. "But as things did not work out, there was no reason for me to hang around in Warsaw."

Alexander Bentkowski, leader of the parliamentary group of the United Peasants' Party (UPP), said Walesa was close to agreement with the UPP and the Democratic Party on the terms of forming a non-communist coalition.

The two parties have been pro-communist for decades, but they are showing signs of independence and Walesa is trying to lure them into Eastern Europe's first non-communist government since World War Two.

Bentkowski said last-minute technical hitches had blocked a meeting today between Walesa and UPP leader Roman Malinowski and Democratic Party chief Jerzy Jozwiak.

"But the issues which haven't been agreed are so small that it is hard to believe they will stand in the way of a final agreement," Bentkowski said. "There is no possibility of backing out of a coalition now. I am hugely optimistic."

Communist Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak said today he could not form a government and was handing the task to the leader of the United Peasants' Party (UPP), a small non-communist political party.

Kiszczak said in a statement that he was giving the task to UPP leader Roman Malinowski.

"A new situation has emerged where I see a chance of Roman Malinowski (the UPP leader) forming a new government in which representatives of all forces in the Parliament would be included," Kiszczak said.

Kiszczak did not explicitly say that he was resigning his post as prime minister. But his statement appeared to make clear that he would not present a government for parliamentary confirmation later this month with himself at its head.

Kiszczak said his efforts to form a government had been complicated by the proposal of Walesa last week that the opposition join forces with the UPP and another small party, the Democratic Party, in a non-communist coalition.

Nepal prepares for a long cold winter as feud with India heightens

KATHMANDU, Aug 14 (Reuters): The crops are in and monsoon rains are drenching Nepal. Most tourists have gone home and the Himalayan kingdom on the roof of the world is digging in for a long feud with India.

India stopped sending petrol and other essential commodities to its landlocked neighbour in March after the two countries failed to agree terms for new trade treaties.

Nepal imposed fuel rationing when New Delhi last month closed the Calcutta terminal through which the kingdom had been importing oil from other countries.

The scars of the dispute will linger longest in the hills of this rugged country, home to eight of the world's 10 highest mountains, where deforestation is accelerating because of

the fuel crisis.

An average 100 trucks a day rumble into the Kathmandu valley with loads of firewood for cooking.

"The government had just made great strides in getting people to switch over to kerosene for cooking before India cut off the oil pipeline," a Western diplomat said. "Now it is back to wholesale destruction of the forests."

The English-language daily the Rising Nepal said India's action was aimed at ruining the economy.

"The intention appears to be to create a situation in which Nepal would have no alternative but to agree to India's terms," it said in an editorial.

India denies this. But the shrill rhetoric indicates how

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Rioters burn Belfast buses

Children urged to stay indoors

BELFAST, Aug 14. (Agencies): Police fired plastic bullets today at dozens of rioters in west Belfast as violence flared on the 20th anniversary of the deployment of British troops into Northern Ireland.

Groups of rioters hijacked two public transport buses, a van and a lorry, setting them on fire on the Springfield Road in west Belfast, a Royal Ulster Constabulary spokesman said. Police were attacked by stonethrowers when they moved in.

The hijacking started about 6.15 am and sporadic violence continued for more than 90 minutes. The spokesman said there were no reports of injuries to prevent further hijackings.

Further violence erupted just after 10 am, when about 20-to-30 youths roaming Springfield Road reportedly threw petrol bombs at security forces and a New Barnsley police post. Police again opened fire with plastic bullets to quell the rioting, police said.

Monday night, thousands are expected to join a march in Londonderry which will go through Waterloo Place, where soldiers first arrived at 5 pm, Aug 14, 1969, after rioting had engulfed the city for two days and nights.

Police have mobilised extra security in Londonderry, 80 miles northwest of Belfast, where an estimated 20,000 supporters of the outlawed Irish Republican Army are expected to stage the main demonstration marking the anniversary of the deployment of British troops 20 years ago.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Féin, the legal political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army told yesterday's marchers: "We have a lot to be proud of because we have come a long way in 20 years. Our opponents have failed to defeat us."

Adams praised the IRA as "the real freedom fighters." Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, a leader in the Catholic civil rights marches of the 1960s, told the cheering crowd:

"The British Army came in 19 and 69 not because we were being attacked, but because for the first time since the beginning of this state — this misbegotten tuppence ha' penny bastardized state — we were fighting back."

"The reasons they are still here 20 years after is because we are still fighting back," she said.

Looking back over 20 years, Mrs McAliskey complained that Catholics still suffer more unemployment than Protestants.

"Everything we got out of them we squeezed out of them," Mrs McAliskey said. "Yet it was nothing, because every time we gained something they clawed it back."

The thousands who marched up the Falls road to Andersonstown on Sunday represent a minority within Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic community.

In election after election, Sinn Féin has polled about half as many votes as the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which is committed to peaceful change.

The RUC urged parents to keep their children off the streets as the rioting continued today. "Many of those involved in the disturbances this morning are quite young and their parents have a responsibility to keep them off the streets and out of trouble," an RUC spokesman said.

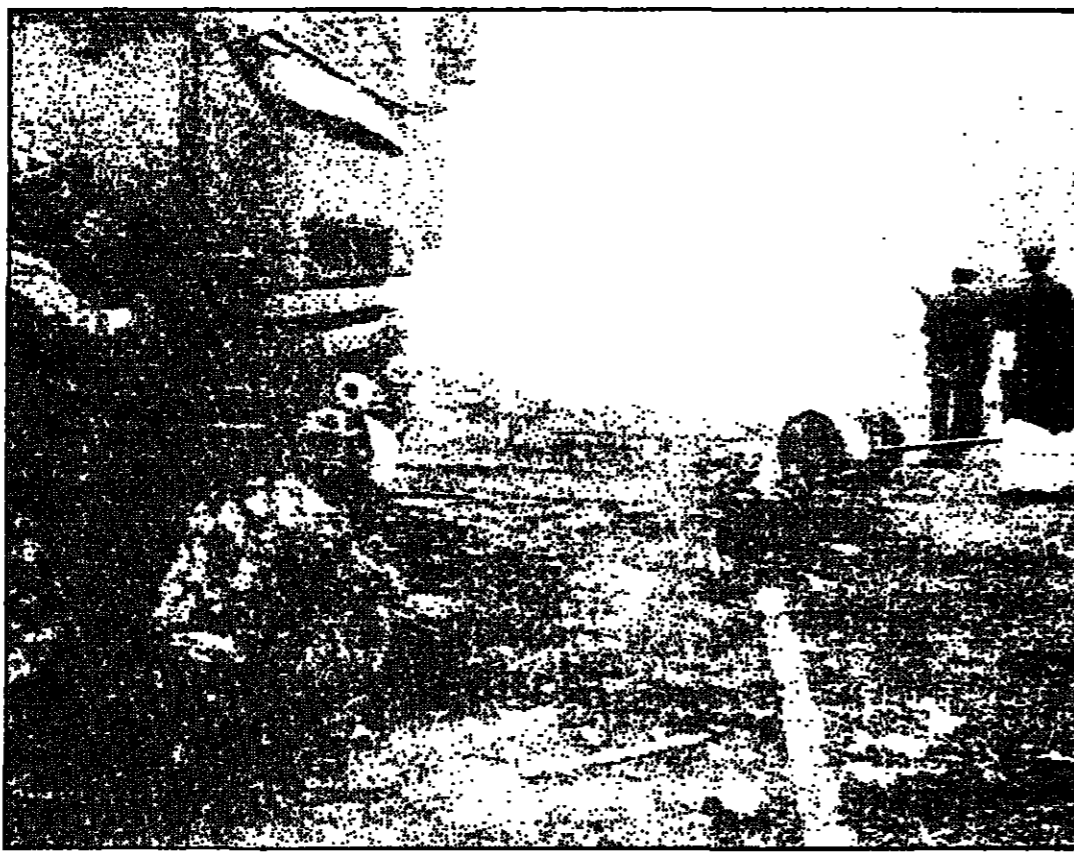
"We appeal to everyone to show common sense and restraint and not to become involved in street disorders." British police on the mainland have warned the public to be vigilant in case of IRA attacks and security has been intensified at British military bases in Europe.

After a tense weekend that passed off without serious incidents, a leading Protestant churchman suggested that both sides in the sectarian and political conflict should consider dropping their annual round of anniversary marches and rallies.

Almost 3,000 people have been killed in Northern Ireland in the past 20 years.

Samuel Poyntz, the bishop of Connor, said: "If we continue to dwell on the past, there can only be a continuation of the misery-go-round."

"It is possible for us to leave the commemoration of past events behind, at least until the situation has cooled down?" Earlier, the RUC's new chief constable Hugh Annesley appealed for calm across the province as nationalists marked today's anniversary.



Soldiers take cover while members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary inspect the site where a truck was burned in the Springfield area of Belfast Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



British soldiers and the Royal Ulster Constabulary patrol Ballymurphy in West Belfast Monday shortly before rioting started. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Don't be vague, kill a Taig'

BELFAST, Aug 14. (Reuter): Seamus Duffy, a Catholic teenager with a passion for football, became Northern Ireland's latest grim statistic when a police plastic bullet hit him in the chest.

In a 20-year-old conflict where the milestones are marked by tombstones, he figured on Wednesday as victim number 2,753.

Sectarian hatred between Protestant and Catholic burns deep in this city pockmarked with bomb-blasted ghettos.

Graffiti writers echo the mutual loathing of warring tribes. "Don't be vague, kill a Taig (Catholic)," exhort one Protestant slogan writer. They have killed each other at funerals, gunned down worshippers in church, blown up war memorial ceremonies to honour the dead.

"Bigots are not born that way, just created," one long-time resident reflected wearily on one street that was a microcosm of mistrust.

On opposite sides of the street were a Catholic and

a Protestant school. When the school bell sounded at the end of the day, police and troops patrolled down the middle of the road to keep warring teenagers apart.

Duncairn Gardens, known in British Army parlance as an Interface Area, looks as if it has been attacked by a mad dentist ripping out teeth at random.

For every Catholic house gutted on one side of the street, there is a Protestant home reduced to a charred hulk on the other. They mirror the ruthless reciprocity of rioters.

Northern Ireland's "kneecapping" statistics are one of the grimmest chronicles of barbarity underlining what extremists are prepared to do to their own kind if they step out of line.

Offenders "tried" by informal kangaroo courts are shot in the knees by Republican and Protestant paramilitaries for "anti-social behaviour" — usually for joy-riding in stolen cars.

New law tightens residency requirements

Protest strikes hit Estonia

MOSCOW, Aug 14. (Agencies): A strike by Russian workers in Estonia entered its sixth day today as government authorities grappled with a wave of nationalism, although a new walkout called by Azerbaijani workers failed to materialize.

In the southern republic of Georgia, activists said workers would decide at a mass meeting to night whether to call a walkout tomorrow.

In Estonia's Baltic Sea capital of Tallinn, strike leaders reported today that at least 20,000 Russian workers remained on strike to protest a new law tightening residency requirements for voters and candidates.

"The strike is continuing," strike committee member Alexei Kutenyov said in a telephone interview.

State-run Moscow Radio said today the Estonian strike had caused losses of millions of rubles (dollars) already.

It said the Estonian law would

take the right to vote away from more than 100,000 non-Estonians in the republic of 1.6 million people.

The striking Russians, most of whom work in heavy industrial plants, also object to a new central decision to give local Estonian government officials greater control over the economy.

The workers are demanding that factories with a predominantly Russian-speaking labour force remain the property of the national government rather than be handed over to Estonia.

Meanwhile, activist in the southern republic of Azerbaijan said the New People's Front of Azerbaijan called on workers to strike today.

The strike was intended to back demands by local leaders for "political solutions instead of military ones" to ethnic violence that has claimed dozens of lives, said activist Aidin Amirbekov in a phone interview yesterday.

But today, local officials said

the strike hadn't materialized.

"It seems that everyone is at work," said Ismail Agayev, head of the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry's information department.

Some activists in Azerbaijan also are demanding the removal of Soviet troops dispatched by the central government to the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, and an end to curfews in the republic.

Amirbekov said central government authorities consider ethnic relations in the disputed territory between Armenians and Azerbaijanis to be too tense to take that step.

The Soviet soldiers reportedly have been halting clashes in Nagorno-Karabakh on almost a daily basis.

Nagorno-Karabakh is part of Azerbaijan, which is predominantly Muslim. But the territory's population is predominantly Armenian Christian, and Armenia wants to annex the area.

Dutch refuse to sell fungus

Second time around for Iran

BAARN, Netherlands, Aug 14. (AP): Iran's attempt to buy poison-producing fungi in the Netherlands earlier this year was the Islamic nation's second such move in 12 months' time, a spokesman for a Dutch research agency said today.

Last year, an Iranian organisation approached the central bureau for fungus cultures here to procure several types of fungus that may be used to produce mycotoxin, a substance commonly known as "yellow rain," said spokesman Huub van der Aa. Mycotoxins can be fatal in sufficient quantities.

In February, the Iranian Research Organisation for Science and Technology in Tehran issued a similar request, Van Der Aa said. Yesterday, the New York Times reported that Iran had also tried to acquire the fungi in Canada.

"We refused to provide the fungi last year

because the Iranians were unable to clarify what they needed the stuff for," Van Der Aa told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from this central Dutch town 30 kilometres (18 miles) east of Amsterdam. He did not recall when exactly the first request had reached his agency.

Earlier this year, the agency, a branch of the Netherlands' Royal Academy of Sciences, was tipped about the upcoming Iranian request and its possible purpose by the Foreign Ministry in the Hague, Van Der Aa said. The academy is an independent institution that is partly financed with government funds.

A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that "we heard reports ... in an informal circuit of like-minded nations" that regularly discuss the global flow of fungi and bacteria for commercial and scientific purposes.

The spokeswoman, who spoke in exchange for anonymity in line with ministry practice, said the group is made up "several nations within the OECD area." The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has 34 constituents, among them all NATO member nations, Japan, and a number of neutrals such as Austria, Finland, and Switzerland.

But the spokeswoman denied that the decision not to sell the fungi to Iran had been imposed on the Dutch agency after pressure from Washington, as press reports have indicated.

"We did not make the decision in the first place, because the bureau decides for itself," the spokeswoman said.

Van Der Aa added that "we were tipped and told to be prudent, that's all."

Four Israelis hurt in attack

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank, Aug 14. (Agencies): Four Israelis were injured today when at least two firebombs were thrown at their car and one caught fire inside the vehicle in this West Bank town north of Jerusalem, the Army said.

Witnesses said the four were tax collectors riding in a car belonging to Israel's Tax Department. An Army spokesman said the injured were civilians but declined to answer questions on whether they were Tax Department employees.

The underground leadership of the 20-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation has repeatedly urged Palestinians in the occupied territories that as a form of civil disobedience not to pay taxes. There have been several attacks, mainly involving stone-throwing, against tax collectors in the territories.

"It is clear that collecting taxes is not a subject that is very popular, and in those areas (occupied territories) certainly less than the norm," said Moshe Gavish, income tax director. "There were from time to time confrontations, but certainly not in this proportion."

Gavish told Army radio authorities likely would investigate the security situation for tax collectors, but "the incident will not cause us to cease to fulfill our duties according to the law."

Two of the victims suffered moderate to serious burns and two were lightly injured, according to a spokesman at Hadassah Hospital in the Jerusalem suburb of Ein Karen.

Soldiers clamped a curfew on the area where the firebomb was thrown and began rounding up suspects.

An Army spokesman, who is not identified under military regulations, would not say how many were arrested.

Soldiers also were seen welding shut at least 10 neighbourhood shops, which the Army commonly does as punishment when fire bombs or stones cause injuries.

The Army spokesman said two youths threw two or three firebombs at the car on Palestine Street, near the Kadouria Refugee Camp, in an area where stones and bottles have frequently been thrown at Israeli vehicles.

After the incident, soldiers also seized identity cards and videotapes from two Palestinians who work as part-time cameramen for television networks.

Yesterday a 16-year-old Palestinian died of wounds suffered in a clash with soldiers, and troops dispersed a riot that erupted as masked youths attacked thousands of Gaza Strip workers applying for entry permits to Israel.

Eleven Palestinians were shot and wounded in clashes with soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arab hospital officials said.

One of Israel's leading religious figures said Sunday the concept of preserving life took precedence over retaining territories under Jewish law.

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual mentor of the ultra-orthodox Shas Political Party, did not make a much-anticipated religious ruling on returning territories to preserve Jewish lives.

Turkey to scrap punishments in jails

ANKARA, Aug 14. (Reuter): Official promises for the removal of physical punishments in Turkish jails where nearly 2,000 inmates are on hunger strike should be implemented without delay, a leading human rights activist said today.

"Health conditions of at least four hunger strikers cannot bear a long wait for improvements, secretary-general of Turkey's human rights association Akin Birdal said.

More than 1,500 prisoners joined the protest after two convicted Kurdish activists died in Aydin prison on August 3 after a 35-day fast.

Justice Minister Olan Sungurlu said yesterday Turkey would scrap disciplinary physical punishments in jails,

including chaining of prisoners, cell confinement and loss of rations.

He said a committee studying the measures would bring them in line with Western prison standards.

"I have seen hunger strikers who are obviously too weak to rise, chained to their beds in Aydin state hospital," Birdal told Reuters after a visit to the hospital yesterday.

"An urgent telex order from the minister could have freed them from chains," he said.

Birdal said four out of the 45 inmates in Aydin hospital were in serious condition but were refusing proper treatment along with 16 others who allowed doctors to examine them.

US urges PLO End hostility

TUNIS, Aug 14. (Reuter): The United States, at formal talks which ended in deadlock on the idea of elections in the occupied territories, told the PLO today that Palestinians must abandon the belligerence of the past.

"We made clear our conviction that the Palestinians must respond to the challenge of building a new peace, not continuing an old conflict," Robert Pelletreau, the US Ambassador to Tunisia, told reporters after the two-and-a-half-hour meeting.

Washington requested the meeting with PLO officials after a congress of Fatah, the main group within the PLO, recommended that the movement should "intensify and escalate armed action and all forms of struggle."

The US State Department said last week's statement by Fatah, which is led by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, was unhelpful and raised questions about its desire for peace with Israel.

The head of the PLO team, Yasser Abed Rabbo of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP),

did not refer to the row over armed action in a statement he issued on the meeting and he declined to answer questions.

Pelletreau, head of a three-man US team at the talks in the north Tunis suburb of Carthage, said most of the session, the fourth since a PLO-American dialogue began in December, was devoted to ways to get the Middle East peace process moving.

"We are suggesting that the next, but not the last, milestone on that road is an election in the occupied territories," he said in a prepared statement.

Pelletreau said elections must be acceptable to Israelis and Palestinians and did not specify Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal, which would allow the elected Palestinians to negotiate the future status of the territories.

Abed Rabbo rejected elections as the basis for a settlement, saying peace could only come through an Israeli withdrawal and self-determination for the Palestinian people — code for an independent Palestinian state.

Ethnic Turks oppressed

Bulgaria racist

ISTANBUL, Aug 14. (AP): An official of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) accused Bulgaria yesterday of conducting a racist policy against its ethnic Turkish minority, news reports said.

Abdullah Omar Nasif, president of the standing committee of the OIC, told a news conference in Istanbul that Bulgaria had escalated its oppression of the one-million-strong ethnic Turkish population to a "racist policy of revenge" for 500 years of Ottoman rule in Bulgaria, according to a report on state-run television.

Nasif said he had conducted investigations in the border city of Edirne and the Kapikule border gate last week and would relay his findings to the OIC and Islamic countries, the semi-official Anatolie news agency reported.

"This is a crime against humanity," Nasif was quoted as saying. Nasif also said the OIC would prepare a programme of aid for the ethnic Turks, the dispatch said.

Kabul to step up peace efforts

KABUL, Aug 14. (Reuter): Afghanistan's foreign minister today said the Kabul government was stepping up international diplomatic efforts to force the United States and Pakistan to back negotiations for peace in Afghanistan.

Abdul Wakil outlined government plans for a diplomatic offensive that will start next month at the Non-Aligned Movement's summit conference in Belgrade.

In particular, Wakil said Afghanistan wanted the summit to pressure Pakistan to stop its support of the mujahadeen rebels who are fighting to oust the Kabul government.

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of increasing its military and logistical support for the mujahadeen since Soviet troops pulled out of Afghanistan six months ago.

Wakil said Afghanistan received a great deal of support from a Non-Aligned Movement foreign-ministers meeting in Harare last May and now wanted the summit to come up with a formal resolution condemning what he said was Pakistan's interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

He said Afghanistan wanted to see a final resolution at the summit calling for:

1) The observance of the UN-sponsored Geneva accord for peace in Afghanistan by all signatories, including Pakistan.

2) Initiatives to seek a political settlement to the war.

3) The non-interference and non-aggression of other countries in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

4) The encouragement of talks and negotiations between Afghans for peace war.

"No country of the Non-Aligned Movement can stand against the proposals, all of which go against Pakistan," Wakil said in an interview.

He said any pressure on Pakistan, the United States' closest ally in the region, was pressure on Washington, the main armour and backer of the mujahadeen rebels.

Afghanistan's position will be put to the summit by President Najibullah, Wakil said.

Tehran hot and cold on hostages

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Lebanese captives held by Israel, it said.

Iran has long demanded the release of three Iranians missing in Lebanon since 1982.

The commentary added that Iran would ask "the oppressed Lebanese Muslims to take new steps toward solving the hostage crisis" provided that their release would "be a first step towards... the return of independence to Lebanon and restoration of the rights of its Muslims."

The Israelis offered to exchange Obeid for three Israeli servicemen held in Lebanon and all the foreign hostages held by Hezbollah-affiliated groups. Hezbollah ruled out any prisoner swaps until Obeid was freed.

One of the nine American hostages, Lt. Col. William Higgins, was reported killed July 31 by his captors. The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth because the Israelis refused to release the cleric.

They released a videotape showing Higgins hanging from a makeshift scaffold. No body was produced but US officials have said they believe the US Marine officer, kidnapped Feb 17, 1988 while serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon, is dead.

US President George Bush said four days ago he wanted to improve relations with Iran but that he would not engage in "trading off or negotiating for hostages."

Khamenei, usually considered a supporter of the so-called pragmatists in the Iranian regime, did not specifically mention the Western hostages in his speech.

But in a reference to the Obeid kidnapping, he said: "In Lebanon, America commits its greatest atrocities and encourages its puppet Israel in kidnapping and hostage-taking."

Khamenei was elected Iran's religious leader to succeed the late Ayatollah Khomeini who died June 3. He was clearly allied then with Parliament Speaker Rafsanjani, head of the pragmatic faction and favours rebuilding ties with the West.

Rafsanjani, elected President in a poll held the day of Obeid's kidnapping, has signalled that negotiations with the US are possible.

He noted Aug 4 that there are "reasonable, prudent solutions" to the "problem of freeing the hostages."

But the radicals in Tehran, led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, have indicated they oppose any dealings with the US.

Mohtashemi, who served as Iran's envoy to Syria from 1982-1985, is linked by Western intelligence officials to the founding of Hezbollah, its suicide bomb attacks against American, French and Israeli targets and the systematic kidnapping of foreigners.

Intelligence officials also are convinced that Iran exerts a large measure of control over Hezbollah, despite its split into at least four factions, with the militants supporting Mohtashemi.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said today that freedom for American hostages in Lebanon may be a long way off, but vowed that the Bush administration was determined to bring them home.

"We're looking at a long-term situation... months, not weeks... we're in this for the long haul," Fitzwater told reporters at his daily briefing in Washington.

"The American people should understand that our commitment to getting the hostages out is total and complete and long-term and not based on any need for momentary responses," he added.

Holding to a new White House strategy designed to keep public expectations on an even keel, Fitzwater refused to comment on the blast at the US by Khamenei.

Noting the difference in tone between Iranian statements, Fitzwater said: "It exemplifies why we do not like to react to every comment that's made."

"Statements are coming from different people and from different angles. Some are critical. Some are suggestive of improved relations. Some are not."

"The important point is that we listen to them and try and sort them out and identify any opportunities that may exist."

He sought to dampen speculation that a visit to Iran by Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who was due in Tehran tomorrow might be part of a mediation effort.

The Tehran Times, believed to be a conduit for feelers from Rafsanjani to Washington, reported last week that Yaqub Khan would act as a go-between in indirect negotiations between the US and Iran.

Compromise reached over Iran government

DUBAI, Aug 14. (Reuters): Iran's leaders have reached a last-minute compromise on forming a new government without creating an open split between moderates and radicals. Iranian political sources in the region said today.

At a meeting late yesterday, President-elect Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani retained power over the Foreign Ministry and the important economic ministries, said the sources, who are close to senior parliamentarians in Tehran.

But Ahmed Khomeini, son of Ayatollah Khomeini and a rallying point for those leaders who

put Islamic ideals above all else, insisted that outspoken Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi must stay, they said.

When Parliament reconvenes tomorrow after the presidential elections on July 28, Ahmad is guaranteed Rafsanjani's old job of house speaker in a deal agreed following his father's death in June, political analysts said.

Rafsanjani is expected to present the names of his new cabinet to Parliament shortly after it reopens. In the past two weeks, Mohtashemi has publicly contradicted Rafsanjani's view that negotiations

can resolve major external problems, such as the detention of Western hostages by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon and better relations with Washington.

The sources said Islamic purists pushed to get the Foreign Ministry for outgoing Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, but Rafsanjani appeared to have blocked this by retaining the experienced Ali Akbar Velayati in the post.

Velayati had been tipped for vice-president but the sources said the compromise candidate for this was now Hassan Ebrahim Habibi, a French-

trained, former justice minister.

Habibi is generally regarded as acceptable to all but has no large power base, they said.

They said Mousavi, whose post is being abolished, might move to the outside job of head of the foundation for the disabled, which looks after soldiers wounded in the Iran-Iraq war and which he supervised as prime minister.

The Islamic purists, generally dubbed radicals by outside political analysts, have strong ideological objections to many of the free-market solutions available to revive Iran's crippled economy.



Turkish bath

An attendant soaps and scrubs with vigour his client at Nour Al Din Turkish bath in the old Damascus souk of Bouzreh. (Reuters wirephoto)

Velayati in Syria

No hostage talks

DAMASCUS, Aug 14. (Agencies): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, arriving for talks with Syrian leaders, said today he would not discuss the plight of the foreign hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian Muslim groups.

"No doubt our discussions with our Syrian brothers will not relate to the hostages because this issue does not concern us," he said in reply to questions by reporters at Damascus airport.

He said Israel must release Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, a Shiite cleric seized by Israeli commandos from his home in South Lebanon in July, before the question of the hostages could be raised.

Velayati said his talks with Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara would cover co-operation in all fields as well as developments in Lebanon.

He said he would also meet Lebanese Shiite leaders, whose Syrian-backed forces are locked in battle with the Christian-led Army of Major General Michel Aoun in Beirut and nearby districts.

The official Syrian news agency SANA quoted Velayati as saying before leaving Tehran for Damascus: "Aoun is an agent of Israel and the United States. He is implementing the role drawn for him to destroy Lebanon."

Diplomats said Iran was expected to give full support to Syria's policy in Lebanon, where it has an estimated 33,000 troops supporting Muslim and leftist forces against Aoun's Army.

Syria was Iran's main Arab ally in its eight-year-old Gulf war with Iraq.

For his part, Al Shara expressed confidence that his talks with Velayati will contribute to expansion of the already solid relations between the two countries.

Official talks between the two foreign ministers are scheduled to start later today.

Iran offers talks

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face-to-face talks shows it is not ready for peace. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz reiterated the demand for direct talks when he met Perez de Cuellar in Rome on July 6.

Perez de Cuellar, urging both sides to be more flexible, said afterwards he considered direct negotiations to be useful but Iran's refusal to accept them was a matter of principle which he had to respect.

Iran last week dismissed a call by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for the two countries to sign a formal peace treaty, saying it was a propaganda.

Iran says Iraq still occupies 2,600 sq km (1,000 sq miles) of its territory although the Security Council Resolution 598, the

basis of the ceasefire, orders an immediate troop pullout.

Baghdad says it will not withdraw before the Shatt Al Arab border river, its main navigation outlet to the Gulf, is cleared of war debris.

Khamenei reiterated Iran's refusal to accept repatriation of the 100,000 POWs held in Iran and Iraq outside the framework of the peace talks.

"The enemy will not be able to turn our dear captives into a leverage to force concessions out of the Iranian nation," he said.

Saddam last week renewed a call for an immediate settlement of Geneva conventions — a demand which Tehran says is aimed at undermining the peace process based on Resolution 598.

Lack of information on hostages is the legacy of CIA disasters in Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Aug 14. (AP): In its heyday in Lebanon, the CIA station in Beirut counted on its roster of assets an exotic array of Lebanese politicians and generals, dozens of agents from other Muslim countries and a handful of highly placed Palestinian commandos.

The CIA was even able to use information gleaned from Palestinian contacts to foil planned kidnappings and killings of Americans, experts say.

But over the past 10 years, US intelligence capabilities in Lebanon have eroded to such an extent that the Central Intelligence Agency cannot obtain enough information to pinpoint the location of eight American hostages, according to specialists.

The death of intelligence about the hostages and their Iranian-allied captors is in part the legacy of a string of disasters that has haunted CIA operations in Lebanon, partly because of the clanish nature and zealotry of the Shiite Muslim kidnappers, officials and experts say.

"We don't have adequate information on where they live, operate, train," said Robert McFarlane, the former national security adviser who helped plan the desperate White House scheme to free the hostages by selling weapons to Iran in 1985-86.

Under ideal conditions, he said in an interview, the CIA would recruit native Lebanese or Americans of Lebanese origin to infiltrate the hostage-takers and report on their

activities. But Hezbollah, the name of the umbrella group under whose auspices the captors operate, defies penetration, said senator David Boren, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"These little cells, these units, are like organised-crime families," he said in an interview. "Strangers are easily spotted, even if they're Lebanese."

Marius Deeb, a Lebanese who taught political science at the American University of Beirut for many years, thinks many Lebanese would be willing to divulge information to the United States about the kidnappers.

"But they're terrified. They're scared. They have to

know for sure that if they give information, their life will be protected," Deeb said.

Such protection is impossible to guarantee in the chaos of a country splintered by 14 years of civil war and foreign occupation. And the history of CIA operations in Lebanon has not been reassuring.

For example, soon after the agency's Beirut station chief, William Buckley, was kidnapped outside his home in 1984, some of the CIA's Lebanese agents were murdered or disappeared, according to David Martin and John Walecott, co-authors of "Best Laid Plans." The book traces the administration's attempts to fight terrorism in the Middle East.

Syrians mass; Aoun to 'stand'

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troops, backed by rightwing militiamen.

Syrian-backed Palestinian radicals of the Fatah-Uprising faction joined the fighting for the first time yesterday when they attacked the Christians' strategic mountain stronghold of Souk Al Gharb with Druze militiamen and Syrian regulars.

Police said 70 of the attackers, including 25 Syrians, were killed for the loss of four defenders killed and six wounded.

Sources at Aoun's headquarters said that the Syrian National Socialist Party (SNSP), another Damascus ally, was mustering its forces with Syrian regulars in the reported buildup at Douar.

The SNSP, composed mainly of leftist Greek Orthodox fighters long hostile to the Maronite Catholics who dominate the Christian camp, has also stayed out of the fighting until now.

"The Syrians are bringing in T-62 tanks and dozens of mortars of various calibres to positions overlooking Douar," the spokesman said.

Douar is a major Christian military position held by elements of Aoun's 10th commando brigade. It lies aside the main road through the central mountains from the Syrian-held Bekaa valley in east Lebanon.

Souk Al Gharb, 11 miles (17.5 miles) southwest of Douar, was heavily shelled by the Syrians again today and Aoun's aides said the Christians were bracing for another assault.

"We're ready to take them on again," and Aoun aide said as mortar and tank fire hit the town, abandoned by civilians six years ago.

"They'll definitely try again. But we can't tell yet whether the shelling is a prelude for new assault."

The mountaintop garrison, under siege by Syrian-backed Muslim forces since 1983, controls a network of roads that twist through Lebanon's central range into the Christian heartland.

Rescue teams used the lull to pull civilians out of wrecked buildings, many of them gutted skeletons still smouldering after burning out of control because fire crews could not reach them.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq today assured Aoun, that Iraq would continue to back his forces, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

INA said Saddam conferred with Aoun by telephone after Christian units of the Lebanese Army scuttled a Syrian attempt to capture Souk Al Gharb.

"We strongly back the people of Lebanon under the leadership of Gen. Aoun in their steadfastness," the agency quoted Saddam as saying.

Iraq has been the Christians' main backer. Syria supports Aoun's rival, acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss, who heads the Muslim cabinet in the divided country.

Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat, another Assad foe, also supports Aoun. He reiterated his backing in a separate call to the Lebanese general from Tunis today.

The United States today denounced Syria as irresponsible for joining the latest ground fighting in Lebanon and escalating the violence there.

"Syria and its allies should refrain from any further escalation, and accept immediately international and Arab League calls for a ceasefire and for the lifting of the blockades" of Christian ports, State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said.

He also called on "the forces under General (Michel) Aoun and the Christian militias (to) observe a ceasefire and join in efforts to begin in the process of political reconstruction and reconciliation under Arab League auspices."



A Christian Lebanese soldier examines the bodies of Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen who attacked the strategic hilltop Garrison of Souk Al Gharb. (Reuters wirephoto)



A Lebanese boy stands in front of the remnants of his home in West Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

Carnage of Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug 14. (Reuters):

Civilians wounded in the carnage of Beirut where artillery rains death on the shell-blitzed city stand a better chance of survival than troops injured in the Vietnam and Korean wars.

That's the surprising conclusion of Canadian-trained doctor Nabil Nadir and his colleagues, who work round-the-clock to save lives in a makeshift operating theatre at St Joseph's hospital in Christian East Beirut.

Nadir has studied casualties flowing into the hospital day and night — 4,250 of them in the past five years of civilian war.

About 35 per cent have severe multiple injuries, to the head, chest, abdomen or limbs — and sometimes all four.

Nadir told Reuters that it frequently took no more than 15 minutes from the moment a person was hit to the point at which he or she reached the operating table.

"In Vietnam, it took the Americans about 80 or 90 minutes to get their wounded to surgery," he said as rockets and shells slammed into the streets around the hospital.

"In that war the mortality rate of those with chest and abdominal injuries was around 13 per cent. Here because we get people to hospital very quickly it is down to five per cent," he said.

At least 550 people have been killed or wounded by a combination of rockets, shells, mortar bombs, tank and gunfire since last Thursday.

Timing is critical. The longer it

Involvement in attack Syria denies

DAMASCUS, Aug 14. (Reuters): Syria has strongly denied its troops were involved in ground battles in the mountains south-east of Beirut.

A military spokesman described reports of Syrian participation in yesterday's assault on Souk Al Gharb — a mountain bastion guarding the gateway to Lebanon's Christian enclave — as fabricated.

"These reports are baseless and create a sense of scorn and disgust for the listener."

"None of the Syrian soldiers took part in the fighting," the spokesman said in a statement.

He said Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has some 33,000 troops, had urged its allies to refrain from military operations in solving the Lebanese crisis.

In a reference to the "liberation war" waged by Christian Army General Michel Aoun to drive Syrian troops out of Lebanon, the spokesman said: "Aoun's statements today about battles which did not exist with Syrian troops would be turned soon into a real defeat for him not at the hands of Syrian forces but at the hands of the national and Muslim forces."

Security sources in Beirut said 28 Syrian soldiers died in the Souk Al Gharb battles and nine others died on the Green Line dividing the Lebanese capital.

A French envoy had talks with Syrian leaders yesterday and called for help from Damascus in ending the current wave of fighting in which more than 550 people have been killed or wounded during the last four days.

takes to get a seriously injured person to hospital, the greater the loss of blood and the less chance of survival.

But because Beirut had once been a thriving commercial centre, there were many hospitals in

a comparatively small area and the injured seldom waited for ambulances.

Medical standards were high, with many specialists and surgeons trained abroad speaking at least two languages.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Algeria protests

ALGIERS, Aug 14. (Reuters): Algerian security forces sealed off two villages east of Algiers today because of demonstrations against the way the local authorities have allocated housing, witnesses said.

Travelers from the area said traffic could not enter the villages of Corso and Tidjelabine on the Mediterranean coast about 30 km (20 miles) from the capital.

Similar protests last week ended when police fired teargas and local authorities promised to look into the grievances.

Cuban minister

CAIRO, Aug 14. (Reuters): Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Mahuier arrived on his first visit to Egypt yesterday for talks on the non-aligned summit in Yugoslavia next month.

He said his five-day visit would also deal with bilateral relations. He is expected to start official talks with his Egyptian counterpart Esam Abdel-Maguid on Wednesday.

Marriage loans

ABU DHABI, Aug 14. (KUNA): UAE nationals planning for marriage may soon receive an extra bonus as the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry is pressing for the creation of a fund that would grant soft-loans to single men contemplating matrimony.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Khalifa Al Roumi told reporters today the ministry had decided to forward the fund proposal to the cabinet for endorsement and is now examining the experiments of loan funds in neighbouring Gulf countries.

Certain conditions that should be met by recipients and terms of repayment are key points being studied by the ministry, he said.

UAE nationals account for less than 20 per cent of the population of this oil producing country.

To take control

ATHENS, Aug 14. (UPI): Iranian President Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani will formally take control of the government in Tehran this week after taking an oath before parliament, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said today.

Outgoing Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi, whose office was deleted from the constitution in amendments that were approved in a referendum last month, bid farewell to his staff but said several of them would stay on in Rafsanjani's government.

An IRNA dispatch monitored in Athens said several ministers in Mousavi's cabinet were likely to stay on in the government after Rafsanjani took control.

Australia wrangler

CANBERRA, Aug 14. (Reuters): The Australian government has called a meeting of farmer groups after rejection of three shiploads of over 220,000 live sheep by Saudi Arabia, which said they showed traces of bluetongue and sheep pox. "None of these claims have been supported by clinical evidence," said Primary Industry and Energy Minister John Ker.

Some 34,000 sheep were banned from landing from the vessel El Cordero last Thursday due to what Saudi officials said was discovery of sheep pox, a viral disease which kills sheep.

Relief train

KHARTOUM, Aug 14. (Reuters): A relief train loaded with 1,500 tonnes of urgently-needed food and supplies today crawled towards rebel-infested south Sudan.

UN officials hope the train will pass unscathed through rebel-controlled and bandit-ridden scrubland where two earlier relief trains were attacked and looted.

Sudan state radio said the 50-wagon train would take five days to travel 280 km (160 miles) between Bahariya in southern Kordofan and the government-held town of Awel.

Jordan accuses

CAIRO, Aug 14. (UPI): Jordan has accused Israel of dumping chemicals and provide in southern Jordan and called on international organisations to step in to put an end to the river's pollution.

In statements published yesterday in the Jordanian newspaper "Sout Al Shabab," Jordan's Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran accused Israel of dumping chemicals and sewer waste in the river's waters.

As a result of the Israeli violations, Jordan no longer uses the river waters in either agriculture or irrigation. She has shut down a number of fishing sites in the Jordan valley, Badran said.

Stores collapsing

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 14. (AP): Drug store owners warned yesterday that their businesses will collapse if the government does not intervene and provide foreign currency for imported medicines.

Tayseer Homsi, head of Jordan's Pharmaceutical Association, told reporters that the kingdom's 607 pharmacies and 75 drug stores were liquidating their stocks and will regularly terminate the services of more than 2,000 employees soon.

He said the decision stemmed from the government's inability to provide foreign currency for imported medicine because of Jordan's debt problems and the reduced purchasing power of the battered Jordanian dinar.

Greetings

KUWAIT, Aug 14. (KUNA): President of Bangladesh General Hussain Mohammed Ershad today sent a cable of greetings to HH the Amir while crossing Kuwait's airspace on his way to Iraq.

His Highness sent a reply cable thanking President Ershad and extending felicitations to him and members of his entourage.

Ershad left for Baghdad today for a two-day official visit at the invitation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Popular reception for Amir: Helal

Both states to attend NAM summit

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE information councillor of the Egyptian embassy in Kuwait, Abdul Rahman Helal warmly welcomed the forthcoming visit of HH the Amir to Egypt, scheduled to begin on Aug. 26. Helal welcomed the Amir on behalf of Egypt's President, government and the people. He said that the important guest of Egypt will be accorded popular and warm reception upon arrival in Cairo, in estimation of HH's courageous national attitudes and continuous support to Egypt and its people. He added that this historical visit comes to

crown the strong and deep relations linking the Egyptian and Kuwaiti people in all aspects. Kuwait under the leadership of HH the Amir, has exerted extensive efforts in healing Arab differences and Egypt will not forget the great efforts exerted by Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed in trying to restore diplomatic ties between Egypt and the rest of the Arab countries, and the return of Egypt back to the Arab fold. Helal said.

Challenges

The official added that this reflects the great interest HH the Amir always paid to the unity of Arab ranks to face the great challenges that almost threatened the

security and stability of the whole region. He commented that the meeting between HH the Amir and President Hosni Mubarak comes amid highly sensitive regional and international developments. He stressed that the latest important developments particularly in the Arab and Islamic region, requires discussing current problems and working together to arrive at solutions. The meeting between the two leaders attains special importance in solving Arab, Islamic and African problems through diplomatic channels of vital significance, is the fact that Sheikh Jaber is the current OIC chairman and President

Mubarak is the current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, (OAU), the official said.

Helal added that the visit of HH the Amir to Egypt is also an important opportunity to exchange ideas and co-ordinate positions particularly since both will participate in the next Non-Aligned Summit starting next month.

The two leaders have always stressed continued efforts for just peace to prevail in the Middle East on the basis of recognising the legal rights of the Palestinian people and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State.

350 minors held under Juvenile Department

DIRECTOR of the Juvenile Department Ahmad Al Sharad has told members of the Kheitan Summer Club that the total number of inmates at the Juvenile Care Department is 350.

Persons under 18 years of age are considered juveniles and in for involvement in thefts or attempted robbery, assault and attempted assault and moral crimes, according to a statistical release covering the first quarter of 1989 (January-Feb-March).

Juvenile cases are common among those ranging in the 16-17 years age groups. The major cause for juvenile delinquency is disruption of family ties, slack upbringing techniques, lack of family supervision and guidance.

The company of friends also has a significant influence on the shaping of the juvenile's character, as also the environmental factor, which played a relatively minor role.

The rehabilitation process is based on socio-scientific process involving carefully-developed schemes whereby inmates are assisted to develop upright characteristics, tune up to the social requirements and become socially active and productive citizens, through encouraging self-trust and self-reliance.

Treatment usually depends on a detailed diagnosis of the background factors leading up to delinquency among juveniles and that certain hardened cases were treated with extra special care aimed at helping the inmate readjust and overcome the psychological factors involved in his abnormal conduct.

The central idea of the rehabilitation programme is to straighten up delinquent juveniles and prepare them to become self-dependent and to encourage them to pursue a professional career which would help them lead an honest and productive social life on being discharged from the institution, Sharad said.

Hamdhan visit

MOSCOW, Aug 14 (KUNA): A delegation of the Kuwaiti Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry led by the Undersecretary Mohammed Nasser Al Hamdhan today arrived here on an official invitation by the religious administration of Siberian and European Muslims.

The administration invited Kuwait to attend ceremonies marking its 300th anniversary which will take place in the capitals of the two republics of Tatar and Bashkiriya.

Divorce contributes to neurosis: sociologists

Marriage counselling recommended

DIVORCE has been cited as one of the main causes which compels patients to seek treatment at the psychiatric hospital, according to two sociologists.

Divorce does contribute to various forms of mental tension among men, women and offspring, sociologist Sawan Bushahri said and added that divorcees show marked signs of anxiety, sadness, anger and frustration at losing the economic and material support which was provided by the husbands. The absence of either the father or the mother causes a sense of bewilderment and confusion among children.

These children cannot understand why, unlike their peers they cannot have the love of both the mother and the father and this leads them to isolate themselves leading to feelings of inadequacy and guilt, factors that contribute to psychiatric forms of illness. The sociologist added that these

traumas experienced during youth are manifested in adult life.

Complex

Elaborating, she said that most of these patients who are afflicted call on sociologists to prevent heightened tension, neurosis and other forms of disorientation. The cure for such cases is time-consuming and quite complex, including the fact that it demands a lot of tact, patience and in-depth study of the patient by the sociologist before positive improvement can be achieved in the mental state of the patient.

She added that couples who have marital problems and are contemplating divorce also call for assistance at the hospital. Counselling spread over a period of time has given positive results and many such couples have continued to lead normal and happy lives. She recommended that the

local media should play an active role in enlightening citizens about the problems and consequences of divorce not only to themselves, but also to their children. Even with the highest commitment of sociologists, divorce cannot be overcome without the total conviction and participation of the individuals concerned, the official said.

Recommendations

Another sociologist at the hospital Mahmoud Al Ustaz, echoed the sentiments of Bushahri and added that relatives of the couples can play a "catalyst" role in solving disputes of a marital nature among couples and preventing divorce. Divorce has several reasons: incompatibility, age differences, dissimilar social backgrounds, difference in educational levels and the difference in economic and social classes.



Pakistan flag hoisting

Charge d'Affaires of Pakistan embassy Syed Akbar Afridi yesterday hoisted the Pakistan flag at the embassy premises on Istiglal Street to mark his country's Independence Day. A large number of Pakistanis attended the ceremony. (Photo by Ahmed Bunni)

Six new schools in Farwaniya

ACTING Assistant Undersecretary for educational services and director of Farwaniya Educational Area Ibrahim Abal Khalil has said that six new schools will be inaugurated in the area for various educational levels during the new academic year.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the existing schools will do away with as many wooden classrooms as possible. With the construction of the new schools, students population will be reduced to reduce density in classrooms.

He said that a total of 66,000 students, boys and girls, were expected to join the 102 schools in the area, while the expected number of teachers will exceed 4,000.

The airconditioning of schools so far covered kindergartens and elementary schools, but intermediate and secondary levels will be provided with airconditioning systems at later stages.

Preparations for the supplementary secondary education exams has been completed and two centres have been initially allocated for boys and girls. Exams are scheduled to start on September 6, Abal Khalil said.

Communications

Bureau requests contract probe

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of the Audit Bureau Salman Bilal Mohammad has requested the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub to submit a report on the circumstances relating to the excess payment made by the ministry to one of the contractors amounting to KD140,540. This amount is to be discounted from the contractor's dues or to be reimbursed.

Bilal requested that the ministry fully abide by the general conditions contained in the tender and the contractual obligations stated in the contract with the contractor, and to enforce penalties for failure to meet these contractual obligations.

The request also called for an explanation of the rental of 525 out of 700 cars by the ministry against the already agreed upon specifications, paying to the contractor a sum higher than that mentioned in the contract and extending the period specified by the contract for a further three months.

Contracts

The letter said that the contractor had submitted two offers, one violating the conditions and the other fulfilling them and the ministry recommended the acceptance of the second offer. The contract was for two years extending from 1/10/87 to 30/9/88 and was later extended for further three months ending on 31/12/88. The letter further stated that after checking the rented cars and the conditions of the contract, a number of violations were recorded. The ministry accepted cars that were pre-86 models, whereas the contract clearly states that the cars must be 1986 models. At the same time, the ministry had refused the offer because for the old cars, while it accepted the second offer with higher costs but was supplied with older models. It said that the higher offer accepted by the ministry amounted to KD3,722,500 per day while the rejected offer costed KD2,266,750 per day. Thus, the daily difference between the two offers is KD455,750. In addition, the ministry got only 525 cars out of 700 mentioned in the contract and the daily difference is KD341,813. Besides, the ministry accepted 133 cars out of the 525 cars obtained, violating the conditions of the contract for being old. The daily difference because of this is KD86,593. Thus, the total amounts unjustly paid to the contractor is KD58,623,461.

Bonds

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The traveller said that looking at our present world, it can be easily visualised as to why it is on the verge of a nuclear war. Internationally speaking the world has nearly 15,000 mega tons of explosives and 50,000 nuclear warheads with an explosive power one million times stronger than the nuclear bomb dropped on Japan in 1945. Military expenditure totalled 800 billion in 1985. Meanwhile, there are at least 600 million people who suffer from malnutrition, 800 million are uneducated, 1,500 million are not able to obtain adequate medical services and 750 million children do not attend school, Saleh said and added that looking at the startling quantum jump in military capabilities, one would tend to conclude that the world is well advanced. But, a closer examina-

Violations

The report added that after carrying the checkup on the cars, it was found that some of them violated technical specifications. The ministry said in the contract that it wanted fully automatic, box cars capable of carrying 7 passengers at a daily rate of KD10. It was found that the cars supplied were small and their daily rent is only KD4,500. There are 22 cars like this, the Audit Bureau said. Thus, it added, the daily difference paid by the ministry is KD121,000. It added that the total amount paid on this violation during the whole duration of the contract is KD81,917.

Responsibility

The bureau added that thus the total amount unjustly paid to the contractor was KD140,540,641. The bureau added that it was found that some of the ministry officials who have the right to use the rented cars, were instead using their own cars, while at the same time the ministry was paying the contractor. It added that it was also found that the ministry was recording the presence of the rented cars, while they were not actually present because their drivers went on leave or were absent. The bureau said that the registrars of the MOC Transportation and Garage Department showed the cars were present while they were actually absent. On this and the previous point, the ministry lost KD5,353,500 paid to the contractor.



Qatari traveller Saleh Al Shemari with his camels.

The world on a camel

Shemari contributes to peace

SALEH Mohammed Al Shemari, a Qatari citizen was in Kuwait recently on the first stage of his round-the-world trip. What makes this trip almost unique is the mode of transport that Shemari is using - All the way on the "trusted ship-of-the-desert" the camel.

The Qatari traveller was interviewed to highlight the objective of his trip, the planning that went into it, and his apprehensions on this hazardous journey coupled with his dreams.

Another interview was also conducted with Saleh's wife Najat who meets him at every capital that he visits.

Saleh said that travel is a part of the old Arab heritage - particularly for those who lived in the desert. He pointed out that history is replete with the sojourns of several travellers and cited the examples of travellers like Ibn Batouta from West Arabia and Ibn Majid from the Eastern coast. With civilisation being propelled into the jet age, Saleh said that the modes of travel have diversified.

The concept of his trip is to preserve the age old heritage of travel by riding camels, he said and added that it also aims at reviving Arab heritage. The trip will present him with an ideal opportunity to bring to the attention of the world the scenario of how his grandfathers suffered through their travels and yet were always found to be friendly and smiling. They contributed significantly to the rich Arab history, their dedication to religion, science, astronomy and other fields of science and arts is well known.

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Najat ... keeping notes.

tion gives the "frightening scenario of a world on the brink of self-destruction." These stupendous outlays in the development of arms could have very well been utilised in alleviating the miseries of the human population the world over, Saleh commented.

Contribution

To spread and propagate peace, Saleh said that he decided it was his human duty to contribute positively and decided that this trip could serve this end. He said that the world belongs to everyone and said that it is everyone's duty to ensure a better, healthier, safer and congenial world - than what we have at present.

He said that during the first stage, he passed, through 14 Arab states. He is presently in the second stage of his journey which began from Makkah in Saudi Arabia. The first stage began from Oman following the steps of the Arab traveller Ibn Majid - the stage ended in Morocco in memory of the Arab traveller Ibn Batouta. The second stage will see him through China, Iraq, and Iran.

He has all praise for the welcome accorded him at all countries visited by him during his first stage. He said that the second stage of his trip from Makkah to China will last as long as three months and is estimated to be a distance of 25,000 kilometres of total travel.

Marriage

On his arrival at Kuwait, Saleh was facilitated by a large number of residents who gave him every form of encouragement and wished him God Speed. Saleh said that his trip throughout the Arabian Gulf states was easy due to the facilities he obtained in each state.

Saleh confided that he had just been married during his preparations for the second stage. He

said that his wife gives him her unstinted support in his venture and understands the basis for his decision to undertake this trip. Saleh disclosed that his wife is a member at the Qatari Red Crescent Society and is an active participant in several charitable programmes.

Saleh said that he attended numerous first aid courses prior to setting out on his trip and also participated in animal health courses - particularly those related to the health of camels. However, he added that till the present he had not encountered any health set backs to his "beloved camels" during his trip.

Meanwhile, the supporting force, Saleh's wife, Najat Mahdi Khalaf said that she graduated from the United Arab Emirates University in 1986 and is now working as a lawyer at the Qatari Ministry of Justice. She added that she married the Qatari traveller - Saleh only four months prior to his undertaking this venture. Unfortunately, she could not accompany him during this trip because of official commitments. Najat said that she meets with her husband at each capital he visits to replenish him with his needs of fresh clothes, travelling requirements, and other essentials. She also keeps notes on the various stages of the trip for and on behalf of the Qatari Red Crescent Society.

Knowledge

Najat said that through the efforts of her husband in undertaking this trip, she has a much more comprehensive knowledge of the traditions and heritages of the countries her husband visited and this has also contributed to her forming new friends and better understanding their thinking. She assiduously keeps notes of women's activities and traditions in countries during the trip and said that she has been warmly received in each country. She said that she arrives at the capitals her husband visits a day prior to her husband and leaves a day after him.

The Kuwaiti Women's Red Crescent Society organised a tea party to honour the Qatari traveller Saleh Al Shemari and his wife Najat on the occasion of their visit to the country and to wish them a safe and successful trip.

Saleh said that his next venues will be Iraq, Jordan, Syria and then onwards to China. Saleh was presented with the emblem of the Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society and praised the warm reception he was accorded by the people and authorities in Kuwait.

Saleh and Najat said that they intend to present photographs, mementos and notes of the journey that they are compiling to the Qatari Red Crescent Society.

Students training office

Transfer of expertise requested

THE director of the Students Training Office at the Faculty of Commerce, Economics and Political Sciences at Kuwait University, Dr Jassem Mahmoud Saud Al Mudaf has said that the office has been approached by some universities in the region to offer training to their students.

He told a local daily that some of these universities requested expertise from the office to set up similar offices on their campuses.

During the long existence of the office, many training courses have been organised with the co-operation of private and public agencies, including banks, insurance and investment companies.

Difficulties

The main reason for the so-called difficulty encountered by the faculty graduates in trying to secure employments are inadequate grasp of the English language, and inability to operate computers, at a time when all business and commercial activities are run with these machines.

The office offers training to fresh graduates intended to cultivate their scientific skills, inculcate them into the work field, and increase their opportunities

to become innovative and secure decent jobs, in line with the requirements of the local labour market.

Summer training courses begin early each month, and regular students stayed in the course for a whole month, but for irregular students the course might last for two or two and a half months.

The office regularly checks on trainees while performing their functional tasks during their work life to follow up their progress.

Trainees evaluation system depended on their interaction with their colleagues, timely performance of assignments, punctuality, co-operation with others and good conduct.

Financial incentives are meted out among students passing the course with flying colours, and this gave the office a powerful boost and further increased its success. There is a plan to introduce training as a compulsory graduation requirement.

The office is planning to hold special English language teaching courses to introduce students to the most frequently used and common expressions associated with the commercial sector and business field, Mudaf said.

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Greater role for citizens in councils

Special budget to finance projects

LONDON, Aug 14 (KUNA): Kuwait's Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadhi announced, in press statements published here today, that the decree concerning the work of governorates councils, approved by the cabinet yesterday, aims at giving citizens a greater role in upgrading services in residential areas and meeting local needs.

Dr Awadhi, who is also acting state minister for cabinet affairs, today told the Arabic language newspaper "Al Sharq Al Awsat", that each governorate will have a special council comprising 15 members who will be appointed according to certain criteria, including members of co-operative societies, municipality and governorate security agencies.

He emphasized that each council is free to elect its chairman and vice-chairman.

He indicated the state will set aside a special budget for each council to finance projects in addition to opening the way for popular initiatives.

Budget

The draft decree also allows for the formation of a higher council for governorate affairs under HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al

Salem Al Sabah to facilitate work by these councils, Dr Awadhi said.

The higher council will include in its membership the ministers of interior, planning and municipality in addition to governors and members of the five governorate councils.

The five governorates of Kuwait are Farwaniya, Jahra, Hawalli, Ahmadi and the Capital.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greening process

AMMADI Governor Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Mubarak Al Sabah has said that a total of 22 different locations have of late been planted with trees and a similar number of seedlings distributed among citizens for planting in various locations in the governorate.

He said that the governorate would continue to execute landscaping, recreational and afforestation projects to cater to the national greening process and boost overall psychology.

Cash awards donated by HH the Amir for the best household gardens and best flowers and plants grown locally, would further step up co-operation and contribute to the national landscaping process which will be implemented within the framework of the government's five-year plan.

KRCS building

MEMBER of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society Abdul Karim Jaffer has said that the construction cost of the society's new building amounted to KD1.6 million.

He said that the new building comprise six stories which include a special clinic, squash courts, multi-purpose hall, swimming pool and a fully-equipped basement-cum-shelter with dispensary and clinic for emergency situations.

Jaffer added that the society has implemented a number of charity projects such as the building of private hospitals in Pakistan and Qazda in Pakistan and provided aid to the inhabitants of calamity-stricken areas in Yemen, and food and pharmaceuticals to the people in Lebanon. Further, it has submitted a strongly-worded protest to the UN against the eviction and maltreatment of half a million Muslim Turks from Bulgaria and supervision over haj caravans and the exchange of POWs between Iran and Iraq.

IIAS membership

KUWAIT, Aug 14 (KUNA): Kuwait recently was accepted as member of the International Institute for Administrative Sciences based in Brussels, according to Employees Diwan Undersecretary Sheikh Mohammad Salim Al Sabah.

The decision was taken during the International Conference for Administrative Sciences organised by the institute in co-operation with the Moroccan government.

Sheikh Mohammad told KUNA the conference, held in Morocco, discussed the relationship between politics and public administration and their role in upgrading the country's system of government.

He added that a meeting for the Arab group held on the sidelines of the gathering in which the Kuwaiti delegation distributed a report by the employees diwan titled "Administrative Development-International Experiments".

The Kuwaiti delegation grouped several officials of the employees diwan.

Ghadi tour

DOHA, Aug 14 (KUNA): The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Dr Hamid Al Ghadi arrived here last night on an official three-day visit within the framework of a tour of Islamic countries.

The Qatari News Agency quoted Ghadi as saying that his tour is aimed to discuss the causes that concern the organisation and the Islamic countries in general.

Ghadi stressed that the OIC pays special attention to Muslim minorities in various parts of the world and its duty is to help them exercise their legitimate rights.

Summit invitation

KUWAIT, Aug 14 (KUNA): Kuwait's acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today announced that Kuwait had not received yet any formal invitation for an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss the Lebanese crisis following the latest escalation.

Talking to newsmen here today, Sheikh Sabah emphasised, however, Kuwait's support of holding Arab summits, particularly, he said, under the present conditions in Lebanon which had become a source of anguish for every Arab and non-Arab individual.



An aerial view of Salmiya where commercial space is at a premium.

Emphasis on quality and service

Key money in vogue again

(Continued from Page 1)

Emphasis is on upmarket "deluxe" and "luxury" accommodation — CAC apartments with such perks as a sauna, recreational centre, shopping mall, swimming pool and tennis court, plus 24-hour maintenance facility.

"Landlords offer more comfort and better services, and tenants are happy to pay slightly higher rents for quality apartments," says Boodai.

"Owners of new luxury apartment blocks may ask for key money plus monthly rent," said Boodai.

Construction did not stop during the slump. One survey, done three years ago, said there were 13,000 to 15,000 vacant apartments. During that period, tenants became choosy, prompting builders to go in for quality and service oriented buildings, both villas and apartments.

These are now available and real-estate dealers are vying with each other to get a slice of the market.

A deluxe villa in Surra or Qortuba goes for KD1,200 and KD1,500. Refurbished villas are rented out for between KD300 and KD600 in Bayan or Mishref. Villas with gardens and mulhaq (servant's quarters) fetch between KD650 and 700 in the same areas. Part of villas goes for KD350 or more.

"It's difficult to find villas for under KD550, which is roundabout the cheapest," says Winston. Anything under KD400 is considered to be "a very old building and not looked after."

The rent of sea-view duplex apartments can be as much as KD650.

More modest accommodation, built with newly married couples in mind, is also available. New immigrants and job seekers are also kept in mind.

"More flats are now being



Boodai

built for the second-generation expatriates who marry and look for inexpensive apartments," said Winston. A modest two-bedroom apartment in a clean and tidy building can be rented for between KD180 and KD250. For the Asian expats, rents range between KD120 and KD140 for a CAC unit. Prices vary from KD150 to KD180 for two-bedroom flats. Prime locations for the Asian expats are Abbasiya, Farwaniya, Hawalli and Salmiya.

Europeans prefer such areas as Salwa, Surra, Riqqa, Mishref, Jabriya and Bneid Al Qar. They go for such perks as tennis courts, playgrounds and 24-hour maintenance in buildings. Luxury apartment rent varies from KD300 to KD650.

Today, there is more demand for modest commercial space than three years ago, said Boodai. Office space — under 100 square metres — is much in demand. Commercial complexes, offering a combination of office and a shop space, like the Salmiya, now boast of about 97 per cent occupancy. Before the Gulf war ceasefire, occupancy in some shopping complexes had dwindled to under 20 per cent, despite lower rents.

Commercial space, costing

from KD3 to KD5 per square metre, has now gone up to between KD8 and KD20 per square metre. This, again, depends on location in the building. For example, ground floor space costs KD10 to KD15 per sq. metre; mezzanine and basements fetch between KD8 and KD12. Prime location can fetch up to KD20 per sq. metre in leading complexes.

In some shopping complexes, key money can be anything between KD10,000 and KD25,000.

Says Boodai: "Normally, key money was paid to tenants to vacate." In some areas, including Jahra, tenants are willingly paying huge deposits.

Shopping complexes were hard hit during the slump by low rents and recession. From 1982 to 1988, occupancy was under 20 per cent in some shopping malls.

"Prices went down, investors suffered great losses," said Boodai. Today, demand has

risen for smaller offices and shops with most renters seeking 100 sq. metre offices (four rooms) instead of spacious offices of about 200 square metres or more six years ago.

Real estate brokers cautiously expect improved market conditions in the next two to three years. "I see the market improving but it needs time," he also depends on the general economic situation and the political climate in the region," says Boodai.

Boodai, however, does not expect the boom of pre-war years.

"Pre-war prices, and values, were extraordinary — inflationary; that's why we faced a crisis: now we expect stable, normal average, sustained growth and stable prices," says Boodai.

"We have now entered a new era — an era of peace, and this will certainly reflect on the real estate market," he added.

A TENTATIVE GUIDE TO RENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Location	VILLAS		Status
	Rent (in KD)		
Surra	1,200 - 1,500		deluxe
Jabriya	300 - 1,000		luxury
Mishref	300 - 550		-
Qortuba	550 - 1,200		-
Sabah Al Salem	450 - more than 1,000		-
Salwa	700 - 1,000		-
APARTMENTS			
Jabriya	650 - 700		deluxe
Salwa	180 - 250		luxury
Farwaniya	1-BR/KD110 - 120		unit AC
	1-BR/KD130 - 150		CAC
	2-BR/KD150 - 180		unit AC
	3-BR/KD220 - 300		CAC
Sharq	120 - 150		unit AC
Bneid Al Qar	200 - 400		CAC
Maidan Hawalli	From KD210		CAC
Abu Halifah	2-BR KD400		luxury
	3-BR/KD550		deluxe
Sea-view			
Bneid Al Qar/			
Fintas	KD650		Duplex: deluxe

Aid to prevent overlapping

Civil information system efficient: report

THE Civil Information System created by the Public Authority for Civil Information, PACI, is an efficient tool that can serve decisionmakers in the country provided it is adopted and properly utilised. A report which was recently submitted to the Council of Ministers by a working team set up to study solutions for overlapping in government institutions, stressed that the Civil Information System can still provide many more services to the government.

The report provided a comprehensive review of the services that are or can be provided by PACI. It said that through the data-bank available at PACI, it can among other things, produce birth certificates for the Ministry of Health, can get rid of Commerce Ministry Ration Cards as Civil IDs can replace them, and above all can simplify all

the routine procedures in the ministries in retrieving information.

It said that the use of the Civil Information System will lead to reducing dependence on clerical manpower, reduce dependence on the use of records and facilitate procedures.

Census

The report said that the Civil Information System can also provide latest data about classification of professions and numbers of each profession in Kuwait. It added that it can also provide population census briefly every week and prepare detailed census twice a year in June and December and thus the Ministry of Planning is no more required to carry out the traditional general census. The Civil Information System has also the ability to provide detailed research studies on many

subjects like divorce, Kuwaiti graduates and others. The system can provide enough and accurate data on health, education, manpower and security planning and can help service ministries in drawing up their plans.

The report described the information system as a national wealth through which plans could be worked out.

The report said that in order to obtain optimum benefit from PACI, there should be a true will and desire from the government for this service. It also proposed to increase the capacity of PACI computers. It added that PACI also requires political backing. Among the difficulties facing PACI, the report said it is the misunderstanding of others of the role of PACI the desire of some to change the present system and a number of laws and rules that hinder its work.

Cancer death rate lower since 1982

Early diagnosis recommended

By Mahmood Morsi

SERIOUS concern and the priority accorded to the treatment and cancer related diseases has prompted the enhanced logical continuation of diligent research being conducted into discovering anti-cancer remedies.

Interviewed by Seyassa, Arab Times Dr Hussain Al Jassaf, head of the Health Protection Unit and consultant at Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre said that medical experts fear a further spread of the disease and added that improving the awareness of people by providing them with definite scientific background so as to familiarise them with the symptoms and ramifications of this deadly disease along with the importance of visiting the doctor at the first signs of suspicion is of paramount importance. Jassaf indicated that the longer cancer is left unattended, the less effective treatment will be and that speedy diagnosis is vital to the control of this disease.

"Applying new discoveries to the treatment of cancer, achieves

speedier results, prevents further suffering, decreases the death rate and will give more opportunities to cancer patients to receive ideal care and live a more normal life," Jassaf said.

He added that the Health Protection Unit has been successful in achieving good results by establishing the Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre in 1982. Cancer patients are enjoying a high-level of medical care with modern treatment and the rate of cancer related death has dropped considerably since the inception of the centre. Focus should be addressed to achieving initial protection from cancer, the official said.

Jassaf indicated that to achieve initial protection more emphasis should be put towards improving the awareness of the medical staff and its responsibility towards people. He pointed out that most early stage cancer patients have little or no knowledge on cancer health hazards mainly because they are afraid or ignorant or delay seeing the specialist when in doubt.

Jassaf said Kuwait Anti-Cancer Centre is exerting continuous efforts towards enhancing its educational and cultural activities for concerned groups like students at schools and institutes and selected sectors of people.

On the other hand, Jassaf added that the Health Protection Unit is co-operating with Kuwait University, the Environment Protection Council, the Health Awareness Section at the Ministry of Public Health, the Anti-Smoking Society and others in order to enhance public awareness.

New directions taken by the unit have adopted the idea of breast self testing taken over by a number of well trained nurses. He pointed out that 60 to 85 per cent of breast cancer cases totally recover through early cancer diagnosis. The unit is currently training a group of nurses on breast cancer detection. The number of nurses attending the course is 40, Jassaf said and added that training will include all health areas in the future.

Total lunar eclipse Aug 17

KUWAITI astronomer Saleh Al Ojairi has said that a total lunar eclipse can be seen in Kuwait on Thursday (Aug 17) morning. Ojairi, who is one of the best-known astronomers in Kuwait, said the eclipse can be seen from 4.31 am.

Other astronomers said the lunar eclipse can be seen from 3.34 am to 5.18 am in Kuwait. In the Gulf, the lunar eclipse can be seen from 4.30 onward, astronomers here said.

Ojairi also said there will be a partial solar eclipse expected to take place on Aug 31 from 6.34 am.

A total lunar eclipse is expected in the Western hemisphere on Wednesday night when the full moon passes through the earth's shadow.

In the dark hours after sunset Wednesday, the full moon will appear to be slowly nibbled away, turning from a bright silver to a burnished copper or faint orange, or perhaps even snuffed out altogether.

The show starts at 0023 and will end about 5.1-2 hours later. Clouds, of course, could ruin the viewing at any location.

With clear skies, though, some phase of the celestial spectacle should be visible to observers in North and South America, Western Europe and Africa, and the Antarctic. Sailors at sea in the Atlantic and in the eastern Pacific ocean also will be able to see some phase of the eclipse, weather permitting.

Shadow
A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes through the shadow created by the earth blocking the sun's light. The moon in its orbit of the earth, usually passes above or below this shadow line, but every few years it follows a path that puts it completely in shade for a time. When the whole moon passes through the shadow, it is called a total eclipse.

The last total lunar eclipse occurred in December 1982, and the next one is not until December 1992.

The eclipse starts when the moon enters what is called the penumbra. This outer fringe of the earth's shadow will show up on the moon as a grayish shading. After about half an hour, the moon will edge into the umbra, the dark, central part of the shadow. Total eclipse, when all over the moon is covered by the umbra, will begin at about 0220 GMT and last for 96 minutes.

When the moon leaves the umbra, the events will occur in reverse order. The eclipse ends at about 0553 GMT when the moon edges out of the shadow altogether.

While a lunar eclipse occurs when the earth blocks sunlight from the moon, a solar eclipse is caused when the moon blocks sunlight from the earth. Because the moon is so much smaller, only a small swatch of earth is darkened during a solar eclipse. A lunar eclipse, however, can be seen by the entire half of the earth in darkness at the time it occurs.

To experts, a solar eclipse is by far the more interesting because it permits unique measurements of the sun.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bahrainis shy away from hospitality trade

IN RECENT months the government of Bahrain has intensified a campaign to promote and develop the island's tourism industry by attracting local manpower resources participate in all aspects of tourism, particularly in the hospitality trade which comprises among others hotel and catering activities.

However, while the government's call to its nationals to participate in a potentially growing and lucrative industry has been widely appreciated by hoteliers and caterers, there has not been an influx of Bahrainis taking up the offer. The Directorate of Tourism has in recent weeks repeatedly urged locals, particularly Bahraini women, to take up employment in the country's numerous top hotels. Unfortunately the response has been somewhat slow at best and poor at worst.

The reluctance of Bahrainis in general, particularly women to join the hotel industry is seen primarily because of traditional, cultural and social factors. Generally the locals shy away from this industry as they consider the pay too low and deem the profession as "unsuitable". Most nationals don't like the idea of being prepared to work long hours (unsocial hours) in the hotels, a trend considered normal for employees in all departments in this trade. Bahraini men, who are interested in joining this industry, expect to become managers overnight and seek promotion within a very short time.

A local general manager of one of Bahrain's leading hotels said recently that Bahrainis learn to accept to start at the lower end of the ladder in the hotel industry like everyone else with low pay before graduating to management level. He added that they must also learn to work long hours whenever necessary. If "Bahrainisation" is to be successfully implemented in the hospitality industry Bahrainis must be prepared to forego the notion of "high wages" immediately and start from the base, he said. Added to this the locals are also selective in the positions and departments they would prefer to work. For instance they don't like to serve customers in general which is the very essence of the hotel trade. The idea of working as waiters and waitresses is particularly repugnant to nationals. Bahraini women especially find this very demeaning. They claim that this is not a "proper" or "decent" way of making a living.

Traditional beliefs notwithstanding, authorities are urging nationals to move with the times and take up this challenge of contributing to the country's tourism industry.

Hoteliers and officials are at pains to explain to nationals that there is nothing wrong or demeaning in working in this industry, even as waiters or cooks.

The Hotel and Catering Training Centre at Muharraq, the only one of its kind in the region, offers a comprehensive range of course for Bahrainis as well as other Gulf nationals in all aspects of the hospitality industry. About 300 students have graduated since the centre started functioning in 1975.

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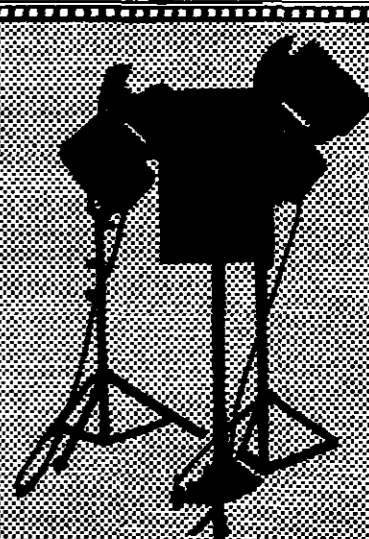
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TO recommend thrift to the poor is like advising a man who is starving to eat less — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

PRESS REVIEW

A Kuwaiti paper expected that the new Iranian President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani would declare the release of the Western hostages in Lebanon within the few coming weeks.

Daily *Al Qabas*, quoting a Western diplomat living in Tehran, said that Iran's step aims at picturing itself as a country that respects international laws and condemns terrorism.

According to the diplomat, American contacts with Rafsanjani started after death of Imam Khomeini and that Rafsanjani asked Washington to give him time before the hostages are released.

He said that Israel, receiving information on the contacts, kidnapped Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid from south Lebanon so as to obstruct the Washington-Tehran contacts conducted via third parties including West Germany and Japan.

The diplomat predicted that President Rafsanjani's success in forming a new Iranian government without including Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi will mean his victory in fully controlling Iran and subsequently will entail the release of the hostages within days.

In the event of Rafsanjani's failure to get rid of Mohtashemi, described as a hardliner on relations with Washington and in the hostages issue, Rafsanjani will have a long battle to fight in Iran, the diplomat concluded. (KUNA)

A local newspaper expressed deep concern over the alarming situation in Lebanon and wondered who would free that war-torn Arab country from the deadly jaws of destruction.

Al Rai Al Aam commenting editorially on reported savage duels in Beirut yesterday said that the Lebanese people were living in an unprecedented nightmare.

It said "the country was about to lose its unity, with its people fleeing to near and far areas in search of safety and security abandoning Beirut which was turned into a city of wreckage and ghosts."

The paper believed that the escalation in the cycle of violence in Beirut has distracted the international media's attention away from the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

"We should admit that what has been happening in Beirut made the news of the intifada move to inner pages in world press giving way in headlines and front-pages to the coverage of new savage duels in Lebanon," *Al Rai Al Aam* asserted.

Only Israel, the paper went on, is the rejoicing party of the regrettable bloody catastrophe which must come to an end, "because it represents a black spot in the contemporary Arab history." (KUNA)

The *Japan Times* commented editorially on peace in Nicaragua.

"The Tela accords by five Central American nations, which would disarm and disband the Contras by December 5, are a bold, decisive plan to bring peace to Nicaragua but their implementation depends on the good will and good offices of others. The Contras use Honduras as their sanctuary and base. Although there is an unofficial truce, bit-and-run attacks are still occurring in Nicaragua."

The Contras responded to the accords with resignation and threats. Rebel military chief Enrique Bermudez was quoted, "We're ready to comply with the Tela accords, but it's too early to talk about giving up our weapons."

"The Contras, however, are a lost cause and doomed to extinction whether this occurs on schedule in December or not. The pressure on the Contras to comply seems almost irresistible. But the problem was not really solved at Tela. Costa Rican President Oscar Arias warned that the accords will not work without the 'political will' to make them work."

"There was one good sign last week (Nicaraguan President) Mr (Daniel) Ortega asked former US President Jimmy Carter to lead a delegation to monitor the Nicaraguan elections. It is truly up to Mr Ortega now to prove to the world that he is being honest in his commitment to democracy. If he is not, there can be no solutions, economic or political, to the problems of Nicaragua." (UPI)

An Egyptian daily called for the convocation of an emergency Arab summit to protect the Lebanese people from "genocide."

Daily *Al Akhbar*, referring to the destruction in the Lebanese capital, asked, "Wouldn't this situation need an urgent intervention by members of the Arab League to put an end to it?"

The daily recalled that Iraq has called for an emergency summit, which was supported by Egypt and other Arab countries, and noted that days, weeks and months have passed and the Arabs did not agree on a date for this summit.

It asked rhetorically is "the Arab world incapable of doing something to save one of its members before it turns to ruins and mass graves." (KUNA)

The French rightwing daily *Le Figaro* criticised, in its editorial, President Mitterand's diplomatic initiative over the weekend to obtain a ceasefire in Lebanon.

Though admitting that the government was right in launching that initiative, "since it has no other means of intervention, neither does it have the will to carry out something," the daily pointed it would have been much better for the country's credibility if France had been the first to initiate such a move.

"One had to wait until the situation got really worse in Beirut, that President George Bush and the Arab League tripartite namely accused Syria so that France could at last launch a noisy 'large scale diplomatic offensive' aimed at 'making the international community sensitive to' the situation in Lebanon, the paper wrote.

The daily noted that France, before, during and after the "power sharing" period and for more than ten years now "has always shown a perfectly perseverant attitude, hiding its impotence under the alibi of 'consensus'."

"It is obviously better to make some noise than do nothing at all, but that does not change anything to reality," it said.

"The fate of Lebanon," it went on, "does not depend on us, it depends on the only power which could bring (Syrian President) Hafez Al Assad to reason: the Soviet Union, and the only power capable of putting pressure on Moscow: the United States," it concluded. (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1558 — League of the Rhine is established under French protection after France's King Louis XIV fails to be elected Holy Roman Emperor. Sweden's King Charles X begins second war with Denmark and besieges Copenhagen.

1744 — Second Silesian War begins with invasion of Saxony by Prussia's King Frederick II.

1834 — South Australia Act is passed by Britain's Parliament, allowing for establishment of colony there.

1906 — Britain and China sign convention of Tibet.

1914 — Japan issues ultimatum to Germany for evacuation of Kiau-Chow, Shantung, in North China. Panama Canal is opened officially.

1918 — United States and Russia sever diplomatic relations.

1947 — Independence of India is proclaimed, partitioning India, with Pandit Nehru as Premier of India and Liaqat Ali Khan as Premier of Pakistan.

1957 — Cheddi Jagan forms government in British Guiana following success of People's Progressive Party in elections.

1961 — East German workers begin to build Berlin Wall.

1962 — The Netherlands and Indonesia settle West New Guinea dispute.

1969 — Arab saboteurs blow up an oil pipeline in Israeli city of Haifa.

1974 — Wife of South Korea's President Park Chung-Hee is killed in Seoul by assassin's bullet evidently intended for her husband.

1986 — India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi warns that his country's progress and unity are threatened by rising sectarian violence.

1988 — State-run media reports in Moscow say mujahedeen captured a provincial capital in Afghanistan and a district near Kabul as Soviet pullout reaches half-way mark.

Fighting a war of fear and retribution

Sri Lanka's killing fields

ENGULFED by smoke and the sickly smell of burning flesh, villagers gaze impassively at a man's body turning slowly to ashes at the side of the road. They do not intervene, for the corpse is part of a 2-year-old war of fear and retribution between the government and the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese extremist group.

Dogs killed by cars on the heavily travelled coastal road that passes through Dodanduwa are promptly pulled off the pavement. But no one touches human corpses that are dumped in towns and villages along the road before sunrise and set ablaze almost every day.

In a Buddhist Dagoba, or shrine, atop a hill overlooking the Dodanduwa intersection where the corpse smouldered, its arms drawn up foetus-like under the chin, the chief monk said flatly: "That is by government killers."

The venerable Dharmasena Maha Thero, sitting cross-legged on a cot while child monks peered from a doorway, was one of the few people along the road willing to speak boldly.

"Last night, people saw army people bring the corpse," the bespectacled, middle-aged monk said. "It is the habit of the country now. Wherever you go, you can find young people being killed. Wherever our police and army go, there is trouble, killing, a bloody revolution."

The following day, the national police listed the discovery of a burned body at Dodanduwa with the notation "believed to be a subversive act."

"Subversive" is government parlance for the People's Liberation Front.

The government says the front has killed 4,000 people in the past two years, including 3,000 in 1989. Most were government officials, supporters or suspected police informers. Officials are assassinated, often on the streets or in their homes. The bodies of informers are tied to lampposts.

The front's killers rarely mutilate or burn bodies, for they want their victims' identities clearly known as warnings to others, according to both front supporters and senior government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Linked

On the other hand, both sides said, killers linked to the government often mutilate their victims' faces and burn the bodies so they cannot be traced to the disappearance or death of a specific individual, especially anyone who was seen being arrested on suspicion of belonging to the front.

Students for Human Rights, a university-based group whose members include acknowledged supporters of the front, blames the government for the killings of 1,600 civilians in 1989.

This undeclared war is fought within the Sinhalese ethnic majority that dominates the government, the military and the economy of an island once known primarily for fine tea, glittering gems and idyllic beaches.

But its origin — or at least its excuse — lies in the separatist revolt by minority Tamils at the other end of the island. The People's Liberation Front says the government has made too many concessions in its peacemaking attempts with the Tamils and sapped national sovereignty by inviting an Indian peacekeeping force to Sri Lanka in July 1987.

Although President Ranasinghe Premadasa has vowed the Indian soldiers will leave and has been negotiating with New Delhi for their departure, the People's Liberation Front is unappeased. The killings continue.



An armed guard outside the headquarters of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front at eastern Trincomalee town.

"Nobody denies there have been excesses by the armed forces and police, both during the war against the Tamil terrorists and the Sinhalese extremists," a high-ranking military officer in Colombo said, speaking on condition he was not identified.

He said government-backed vigilante groups, rather than actual government troops, were responsible for many of the deaths of suspected members of the People's Liberation Front, known locally by its Sinhalese acronym JVP.

"The vigilante groups, with names like Green Tigers and Black Cats, were formed after the JVP conducted a punishingly brutal crusade against government people," he said. "Relatives and government lawbreakers had no alternative but to fight back, and the vigilante groups were covertly supported by the armed forces and police."

While the nationwide police report compiled in Colombo mentioned the body found at Dodanduwa, 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Colombo, it did not refer to another one seen the same day at Panadura, only 16 miles (25 kilometers) south of the capital. Police and soldiers running patrols up and down the coastal road seemed to halt at an invisible line about five miles (eight kilometers) away.

A Panadura shopkeeper said the body was deposited at the bus stop about 5 am local time and set ablaze with burning tires. He refused to speak further.

About 60 people stood staring at the body. Passing cars slowed down, young children pressing their faces against the windows.

One pedestrian, who paused for a few minutes, said: "In this area, a body has been found almost every day for about a year. In most cases we will not be able to identify the people. They disfigure the face." He refused to elaborate and hurried on. (AP — Dodanduwa)

New protest group worries Pretoria

Faceless movement at work

THREE years after South Africa imposed emergency rule to crush dissent, an amorphous protest group has emerged and is causing serious concern in Pretoria's corridors of power.

The Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), an informal umbrella group of hundreds of anti-apartheid organisations, is masterminding a civil disobedience campaign that has struck telling blows against the government's race segregation laws.

Eschewing the violent township uprisings that characterised anti-government protest in the early 1980s, the MDM plans that its campaign will culminate in peaceful protests against September's racially-biased general elections that exclude the black majority.

As part of the campaign black protesters have illegally demanded treatment at whites-only hospitals and "restricted" activists have risked imprisonment by breaking banning orders to appear and speak at political rallies.

The MDM has promised that it will target other segregated facilities such as schools, buses, parks and swimming pools.

"If the government cannot desegregate all facilities, we will do it for them," said Aslam Darsoo, a doctor.

Activists say the movement has succeeded in mounting the campaign because it has not presented the government with a fixed target — the MDM has no constitution or offices.

And instead of having one leader, it has scores. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has accused the MDM of being a faceless group controlled by the banned Communist Party.

"It is faceless. It has no address and it has no leader. Activists from radical organisations speak for it," he complained in a speech at an election rally this month.

Legal experts said the MDM is so structured that it will be difficult for Pretoria to restrict or ban it.

"It will be like restricting the movement of water. The water could simply disappear into the soil and reappear somewhere else," lawyer Peter Reynolds said.

Murphy Morobe, a prominent activist and MDM spokesman, said the phrase MDM was coined by activists in detention cells to refer to all organised resistance to apartheid.

When released, they transferred the phrase into a movement.

"The MDM was never formed, it just unconsciously and spontaneously came into being, first as a term, more of a process to describe anti-apartheid forces than a structure," Morobe told Reuters.

He said key features of the MDM were its collective leadership, support for a future non-racial democracy and rejection of the tricameral parliament which excludes the country's 26 million blacks.

"The MDM is comprised of most community,

health, welfare and workers' organisations which subscribe to all those principles," he said.

Its core constituents are the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the country's biggest labour organisation, and the banned United Democratic Front (UDF) anti-apartheid coalition. But it embraces many other groups.

"The MDM is broader because it can mobilise people of a range of persuasions. Because it is a movement rather than an organisation, it is hard to establish its borders," COSATU General Secretary Jay Naidoo said.

Morobe said the defiance campaign showed that anti-apartheid resistance was still on its feet.

This month 20 ex-detainees broke the terms of their restrictions orders by attending an evening church service as part of the MDM campaign. All 20 are forbidden to address gatherings of more than 10 people or take part in political activity.

Some of the MDM's "affiliated" groups are among the 34 organisations currently banned under emergency rule.

Many of the affected groups, which range from obscure regional associations to the sprawling UDF and the high-profile detainees' parents' support committee, were already operating underground because of emergency rule decreed in June 1986.

"Emergency rule has slowed the tempo of activity, but we see people beginning to contend with the constraints," Morobe said.

Soft-spoken Tambo branded a terrorist



Oliver Tambo, credited with maintaining unity among the ANC's hardline guerrilla commanders, young radicals and moderate politicians

OLIVER TAMBO has been branded a terrorist in his native South Africa but won respect abroad for his soft-spoken, dignified style of leadership.

The 71-year-old President of the African National Congress (ANC), who flew to London last week for a medical check-up, is widely credited with maintaining unity among the ANC's hardline guerrilla commanders, young radicals and moderate politicians.

Although seen as a moderate himself, he does not shirk from defending the guerrilla war waged by his Lusaka-based movement as part of its fight to end apartheid in South Africa.

"It is not always possible to attain peace through peaceful means," he told a group of more than 100 white South Africans who visited the ANC in Lusaka in June.

But foreign diplomats and dignitaries who speak to him feel he would prefer to see a peaceful, negotiated transformation of white-ruled South Africa into a non-racial, democratic society.

Tambo invariably impresses audiences with his reasoned, gentle-toned arguments, the inheritance of his legal background, which contrast starkly with the blunt aggression often shown by younger military commanders of the ANC.

His frequent travel abroad makes him a rare sight in Lusaka, where he usually stays within the heavily-guarded walls of State House, the residence of Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda.

In recent months, he has apparently increasingly left delicate diplomatic negotiations in the hands of younger members of the ANC national executive committee, notably Tambo Mbeki, the urbane, newly-appointed head of foreign affairs.

He has often appeared frail and tired. ANC sources say he suffered a stroke in 1987 and was treated in East Germany. Mbeki denied on Sunday Tambo had suffered another stroke and said he was suffering from fatigue.

Oliver Reginald Tambo, born

in Cape Province in 1917, has been President of ANC, formed in 1912, since 1969.

He was educated at mission schools and graduated in science from Fort Hare College, now Fort Hare University, in 1941. He stayed at the college to study for a diploma in education, but was expelled during a students' strike in 1942.

While teaching science and mathematics in Johannesburg, he met young ANC militants including Nelson Mandela.

Tambo was elected to the ANC's top decision-making body, the national executive committee, in 1949. At about this time he gave up his ambition to become a doctor and became a lawyer instead, establishing a joint practice with Mandela.

In 1954, he was declared a "banned" person, meaning he was forbidden to attend meetings or travel around the country. But he remained an active opponent of the apartheid system of racial segregation created a few years earlier. (Lusaka — Reuters)

Poles impatient

Clamour for change

WHEN Solidarity agreed last spring to take only 35 per cent of Parliament seats, union strategists saw it as the first step in a smooth four-year transition from a one-party state to full democracy.

But they did not anticipate the explosion in public expectations that followed Solidarity's election victory in June: or the sudden deterioration in the economy.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa says Poles don't want to wait for change — he made an about-face last week and urged formation of a Solidarity-led coalition government.

According to Sen. Jaroslaw Kaczynski, Walesa's personal envoy in coalition talks, Walesa himself might become prime minister.

That would be far different from the plan articulated by Solidarity strategists after last spring's talks brought about the agreement to restore the union's legal status and give the opposition a role in parliament.

Solidarity was to have used its first parliamentary term to monitor the Communists while learning about government machinery and creating independent political parties. The goal was to score well in the promised fully democratic elections of 1993.

During the first term, the Communist Party and Poland's East bloc allies — especially the Soviet Union — would have time to get used to the notion of a non-communist Poland.

But two months after the elections, Poles standing in line for bread and meat are in no mood for talk about waiting until 1993 for a change in government.

Falling

Industrial production is falling, food prices went up sharply Aug 1, store shelves are often empty and there are signs of spiralling inflation.

When the Communist Party named three familiar faces to the country's three top jobs — Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski as President, Mieczyslaw Rakowski as Party First Secretary and Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak as Prime Minister — the public's patience seemed to snap.

Sen. Aleksandr Paszyski of Solidarity said Walesa's proposal for a non-communist coalition government is a reaction to the resulting "social impotence."

"We asked ourselves, can we wait? 'The answer is no' said Solidarity's parliamentary leader, Bronislaw Geremek."

Jaruzelski had proposed a "grand coalition" government that would distribute ministries in proportion to voting strength in parliament. That would give the Communists and their traditional allies about two-thirds of the posts and the rest to Solidarity.

Walesa turned him down, saying the union preferred to remain the opposition.

He did not want Solidarity's name linked with a coalition rule that could be similar to what Poland experienced after World War II, when figurehead ministers of various political stripes camouflaged a Communist consolidation of power.

Just before Kiszczak's election, Walesa offered to take on the whole government, including the defense and police ministries. Jaruzelski, as Walesa could have expected, rejected the offer.

But after Kiszczak's election as Prime Minister, Aug 2, protests rose from grass-roots Solidarity chapters.

Walesa then made his proposal of a non-Communist coalition, calling for the United Peasant and Democrat parties, which came into parliament as allies of the communists, to join Solidarity.

Offer

Geremek broadened the offer, proposing some government spots for reformist Communists.

Walesa's proposal sparked a flurry of meetings and consultations. When the Peasants and Democrats expressing interest, the Soviet Union responded, sending its ambassador to talk with leaders of the parties.

By merely putting up a fight for the government, Walesa has scored at least three political successes.

He has put the Communists on the defensive, forcing them to justify why they should lead the government.

He also has widened the rifts within the Communist coalition, provoking the normally reliable Democrats and Peasants to show unprecedented independence.

And he has protected Solidarity from charges it was unwilling to take responsibility for leading the country.

Now Kiszczak and Walesa plan to meet, indicating the hard bargaining will begin.

The result could be some of Jaruzelski's original idea of a "grand coalition," but under terms negotiated to Walesa's satisfaction.

Quote me

"Don't be vague, kill a Taig Catholic." — Graffiti in Belfast.

"Bigots are not born that way, just created." — a Belfast resident.

"The United States sees this dialogue as a tool of our diplomacy which is aimed at promoting a viable process in the Middle East." — US Ambassador to Tunis Robert H. Pelletreau Jr said about US-PLO talks.

"The main question is how to prevent car bombs from coming close to the Israeli Army cars, and we have to answer that." — Mordechai Gur, former Israeli defence minister said.

"Those who conduct it should know they will be caught and punished and will suffer and their closed ones will suffer too and will not achieve anything." — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said.

"I want to — simply express the profound sadness that we feel at the loss of the lives in Ethiopia. It's a sadness for everybody. He was an outstanding man, a man of great humour." — US President George Bush said.

"I have watched him stand in these halls and literally break down crying, trying to appeal to other congress people to be sensitive to the fact that people in Ethiopia — were clutching to his ankles and dying before his eyes." — Rev. Jesse Jackson said.

This situation was judged calm enough to allow their return. There's still a lot of work to do in China-US relations." — US Ambassador to China James R. Lilley said.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Indian planners favour 6pc growth rate

Impressive capital market growth lauded

By M.C. Bose
Business editor

THE World Bank has lauded the impressive growth of the Indian capital market and has taken note of measures intended to improve market liquidity and transparency and provide adequate protection to investors.

Analysing the growth of capital markets in India during the last four decades, the World Bank in its report "World Development Report 1989" said the equity market capitalisation of the Bombay Stock Exchange alone increased from Rs194.7 billion (\$11.8 billion) between the end of 1980 and 1987.

During this period, average capitalisation ratios remained roughly equal to 6.5 per cent of GNP and the number of listed companies on all exchanges increased from 2114 in 1981 to 601 in 1987, the report said.

However, a reform of the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act (FERA) in the early 1970s limited the expansion of foreign-owned and foreign-controlled companies, it added.

The World Bank estimate on

Major objectives

THE main objectives of the Eighth Five Year Plan will be:

- Growth and modernisation;
- A growth rate in GDP of 6 per cent annual;
- A sharper regional focus to reduce disparities and to ensure more dispersed growth;
- International competitiveness in an expanding range of manufacturing and excellence in select sectors;
- Self-reliance in technology, food security and resources for investment;
- Poverty Alleviation and Equity;
- Reduction of poverty levels to 18 to 20 per cent of the population from an expected level of 28-30 per cent by the end of the Seventh Plan;
- Employment growth of 3 per cent annual, working towards an employment assurance for the poor;
- Special emphasis on the development of women, children and other vulnerable groups;
- Minimum Needs;
- Average annual foodgrains availability of 194 kg. per person;
- Provision of facilities for universalisation of elementary education and eradication of illiteracy in the 15-35 age-group among working-age population;
- Clean drinking water for all; containment of major communicable diseases by 1995 with a view to their elimination by 2000 A.D.; expansion of comprehensive integrated health service system in order to achieve health for all by 2000 A.D.;
- Development Process;
- Greater emphasis on decentralisation, people's participation and efficiency.

India's external debt of \$46.37 billion at current exchange rates. The estimate in the World Development Report, 1989 includes \$40.76 billion of long-term debt, \$3.6 billion of IMF debt and \$1.9 billion of short-term debt.

The long-term debt data include public and publicly guaranteed loans amounting to \$37.32 billion and private non-guaranteed loans of \$3.4 billion.

The Indian government, on

the other hand, places the total external debt at \$42.4 billion. Data available in the report indicate that only Indonesia among the low-income countries has a higher external debt burden — \$52.58 billion.

China's external debt is third highest in the low-income group at \$30.22 billion. The report estimates Pakistan's total external debt at \$16.88 billion.

The buoyancy seen now in the capital market, both primary

and secondary, has not been induced by any short-term palliatives or artificial stimulants, but is reflective of the basic strength of the economy the Indian Finance Minister S.B. Chavan said recently.

The other factors contributing to this scenario are the policy measures of the government, the existence of strong fundamentals and combined effort of the different organisations and groups involved in the market, he said.

The capital market activity had become a part of the main stream of the economy and no longer peripheral to it.

R.N. Malhotra, governor of Reserve Bank of India has said the Indian financial market has broadened considerably in the past few years with the banks launching their subsidiaries for undertaking merchant banking, venture capital and mutual fund activities. There were plans for settling up of more mutual funds to provide competitions and adequate services to the investors.

The bane of capital market today was that it was suffering from a lack of floating stocks as most of them were held by promoters and institutions. There was a need for finding ways of putting shares in the markets as floating shares were necessary for the health and growth of markets.

Indian economy has shown a strong recovery in agricultural

production and sustained the momentum of industrial growth in 1988-89, despite severe drought in the preceding year. Agricultural production during this year is expected to increase by around 17 to 20 per cent. The foodgrain production is expected to exceed the target of 166 million tonnes and perhaps even cross the 170 million tonnes mark. This has been achieved as a result of special programme for foodgrains drawn up by the government of India to achieve the original target of 175 million tonnes of foodgrains production by the end of the 7th Plan.

During 1987-88 industrial production grew at about 7.5 per cent. Such good performance under adverse conditions is attributable to basic policy reforms which prompted efficient competition and to long-term changes in industrial structure which have made this sector less sensitive to fluctuations in agricultural production.

This phenomenon has demonstrated the basic strength of Indian economy. The sources of strength lie in the capacities built up over the four decades of planned development, recent policy changes directed at improvements in capacity utilisation and efficiency, the ability of development administration to respond to emergence and prudent management of the food economy.

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Breeden to head SEC

Bush picks White House aide

WASHINGTON, Aug 14, (AP) President George Bush has chosen Richard C. Breeden, the White House leader on landmark savings-and-loan legislation, to head the Securities and Exchange Commission, administration sources said today.

The SEC is a five-member board that oversees securities markets, regulates the sale of stocks, bonds and stock options and enforces securities laws.

The formal nomination was expected later today, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The post requires US Senate confirmation.

Breeden, 39, a lawyer and banking specialist, would succeed David S. Ruder, who announced in May that he intended to step down.

Breeden helped write Bush's plan for bailing out the nation's failing savings and loan industry, and represented the White House in dealings with Congress as that legislation progressed through Congress.

The savings and loan losses have been building for a decade because of a combination of economic turmoil, uneven deregulation, sloppy government supervision and sometimes poor or fraudulent management.

The final plan, a major restructuring of US banking laws and the largest single-industry government bailout in history, took effect with Bush's signature last week.

Breeden, whose current job as presidential assistant for issues analysis made him something of a White House troubleshooter, also helped fashion administration policy for dealing with the Alaska oil spill.

From 1982-85 Breeden was deputy counsel to then-Vice President Bush. He came to the White House after four years in private practice as a banking specialist in the Washington office of a Houston, Texas, law firm.

Ruder, an appointee of former president Ronald Reagan, has been chairman of the regulatory body since Aug. 7, 1987, some 2-1/2 months before the stock market crash.

He announced last May that he wanted to step down, and would stay on until a successor was selected. Ruder plans to return to Northwestern University Law School, where he formerly taught.

Breeden's nomination was not expected to run into any difficulties in the Senate, where he is reportedly well respected.

Gold strengthens

Markets sharply down

UK stocks above lows

LONDON, Aug 14, (Reuters) Share prices rose from the day's worst levels in late trading on a firmer trend on Wall Street, where a near 29 point fall on Friday contributed to London's sharply weaker opening.

Dealers said negative weekend press comment was the main reason for an early sharp mark-down after recent concern the market had become overvalued. But today's fall lacked a weight of selling interest.

"We needed a shake-out. Last week's persistent narrow-range trading around 2,350 on the footsie (FTSE index) was an important pointer," one dealer said.

"Many people are happier to see the FTSE index at current levels after being worryingly high for some time. Share prices are now at a much better valuation level," Trevor Laugharne, strategist at Kleinwort Benson said.

The market would be more comfortable in a range of FTSE 2,250 to 2,300, he added.

At present levels the index has risen a net 8.2 per cent since the beginning of the quarter.

An expected 0.3 per cent rise in UK output prices and a provisional 0.6 per cent drop in retail sales in July had little impact on prices. The retail sales data reinforced recent indications that current 14 per cent base rates are dampening consumer demand, dealers said.

BTR stood out with an 11p rise to 465 on hopes of a financial restructuring after recent news US leveraged buy-out specialists Kohlberg Kravis Roberts signalled it may buy up to 15 per cent of the industrial conglomerate, dealers said.

Ward White, 3p down at 443, topped the actives list with a turnover of 15.7 million shares by 1540 GMT, reflecting share purchases by suter Beates in pursuit of its £900 million offer.

Ward White made a weekend forecast of a 23.5 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £34.2 million for the six months to end July, in defence against Boots' bid.

Among the issues trading in ex-dividend form today, BP lost 6p to 295, Grand Metropolitan 16p to 615, STC 9p to 364, ICI 39p to 1,303 and GKN 11p to 452.

by noon in New York with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 0.19 of a point to 2,684.18.

The Dow had been pulled back on Friday from the verge of breaking through its August 1987 all-time closing high of 2,722.42 because of concern that US interest rates are unlikely to ease in the near future.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9395 West German marks and 141.75 Japanese yen after ending Friday at 1.9385 and 141.80.

Dealers said business had been dampened by fears that central banks would repeat Friday's concerted round of intervention if the dollar rose too high.

They said the outlook for Tuesday was also dull.

Gold bullion formed to close at \$364.50 an ounce in mostly routine business in London against Friday's finish of 362.25, dealers said.

Airlines sign pacts

PARIS, Aug 14, (KUNA) Air India and Pakistan International Airways (PIA) have signed contracts with the European consortium, Airbus Industrie, for the purchase of a total of five A310-300 Airbus jetliners, it was announced here today by the consortium.

The communiqué released by the group said that India has placed an order for two A-310-300s, seating 210 passengers each, which will complete Air India's current fleet of six A310-300s and three A300B4s.

The aircraft, to be delivered in 1990, will operate on the airline's Middle East and Far East routes, it added.

PIA has ordered three A310-300s with three more on option, Airbus Industrie said, indicating that the Airbus aircraft will replace the ageing fleet of Boeing 707s on service in the medium-haul international routes.

The first of the three aircraft of this first order of PIA with Airbus Industrie, seating 212 passengers each, will be delivered in 1991, the European consortium added.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 14/08/1989			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1	Petro Polis	Algh Barwil	4842988
4	Maulic	Algh Barwil	4842988
8	Sham	ISA	2441860
10	Fernpassat	ISA	2441860
13	Maersk Fiero	Behbehani	2412085
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
14/8	Marianne	B. Bahjat	2433577
14/8	Taoiin	M. Bahur	2433881
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Lake Star	Algh Barwil	4843988
11	Shezan	Algh Barwil	4842988
18	C. B Shireyb	KSA	4843150
19	Dhonakulhi	RMS	2423642
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
13/8	Liao Yang	M. Bahur	2433881
12/8	Philippine Sampaguita	Algh Barwil	4842988
14/8	Rhein Express	MAB	2433881
14/8	City of Beirut	B.B.H.	2433577
14/8	Baffin Bay	RMS	2423642
15/8	Topaz	Algh Barwil	4842988
15/8	Rize K	RMS	2423642
16/8	Pearl of Dubai	Steamco	2439973
16/8	Torbay	KMMC	2419814
17/8	Puffin Arrow	Algh. S'freight	4745533
20/8	Al Manakh	UASC	4843150
20/8	Nilam	Sager	2423692

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Workers seek wage increase

NEW YORK, Aug 14, (Reuters) Around 46,000 workers began a three-day strike for higher wages today against 51 New York-area volunteer hospitals and nursing homes.

Both the Hospital Workers Union local 1199 and the League of Volunteer Hospitals said the protest, involving admissions staffs, lab technicians, housekeeping personnel, and therapists, was unlikely to seriously hamper medical care.

League president William Abelow said, "We are on call, waiting to resolve this." He said the League would not publicly discuss the negotiations.

About 10 other area private voluntary hospitals and nursing homes have settled with the union, offering an 8.5 per cent wage increase over two years.

Some workers picketed outside hospitals but supervisory personnel kept hospitals functioning. The union had given notice of its plans to strike 10 days ago.

A bitter 1984 strike lasted for 47 days. Union spokesmen said they opted for the series of short strikes this time to avert a full-scale walk-out.

Tourism income dropped

BEIJING, Aug 14, (AP) Income from tourism in the first half of the year was down only 1 per cent from January-June last year, China reported yesterday, but tourism was virtually halted since troops crushed a popular, pro-democracy movement in June.

In 1989's first six months, China earned \$970 million from tourism, said He Guangwei, deputy director of the National Tourism Administration.

However, the number of tourists dropped 14.3 per cent from the same period last year, to 12.89 million people, the official Xinhua news agency quoted He as saying. He did not explain the reason.

Tourists stopped coming immediately after the June 3-4 events in Beijing in which hundreds, perhaps thousands, of student protesters and their supporters were killed.

The summer months are the height of the tourist season, but only a few foreigners are visiting China now.

EXCHANGERATE

Indian rupee	18.030
Sri Lankan rupee	8.390
Pakistani rupee	14.290
Bangladesh taka	9.170
US dollar	29870
Pound sterling	47600
Deutsche mark	15425
UAE dirham	08140
Japanese yen	002117

Gas refining capacity to rise

Iran to resume exports to Moscow

NICOSIA, Aug 14, (Agencies) Output capacity at a gas refinery in northeast Iran will rise by a third to 28 million cubic metres a day when a fourth processing unit comes on stream soon, the Iranian news agency IRNA said yesterday.

A pipeline from the Sarakhs plant near the Soviet border extends to Neka power plant northeast of Tehran, feeding Mashhad and other cities along the way.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the plant exported 50,000 tonnes of sulphur, a by-product in the refining process, to India, Pakistan and Britain during the past year.

Iran said its gas production topped its needs when the first unit of the Gulf coast Kangan Gas Refinery began operating in June with an initial daily capacity

of 34 million cubic metres. Iran has agreed to resume gas exports by pipeline to the Soviet Union, halted in 1980 because of a price dispute.

Exports, beginning next March at the rate of two billion cubic metres per year, will increase to three billion after a year.

In another development Iran's project for the construction of a new 240,000 barrel per day refinery at the southern port of Bandar Abbas has been temporarily halted because of a dispute on payment between Iran's National Iranian Oil Company and the Japanese group that is arranging the financing for the project, according to an oil industry newsletter.

The Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey said the original plan was for the contract

for the construction of the \$1.5 billion refinery to be awarded to Chiyoda of Japan and Snamprogetti of Italy.

Half the cost was to be paid for in the form of crude oil deliveries to a group of four trading houses — Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo and Marubeni — and the remainder in cash, MEES said.

It said that in recent negotiations with the Japanese, however, the NIOC wanted to second 50 per cent to be repaid in the form of deliveries of fuel oil rather than cash. The Japanese side refused this demand, MEES said, and NIOC broke off the negotiations.

It said the project is now deemed to be in a state of temporary suspension until some solution to the payments problem can be worked out.

Saudis may not change price for US

Oil price hike for Europe

MANAMA, Aug 14, (Agencies) Saudi Arabia is not expected to change its oil price for US and Far Eastern deliveries of crude in September, but will increase the price of shipments to Europe, an oil industry newsletter said today.

"Saudi Arabia's crude oil price formulas for ARAMCO customers for the month of September will remain unchanged for the fourth consecutive month for US and Far Eastern deliveries, but will be increased by 10 cents per barrel for shipments to Europe," the Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey reported.

MEES said the Saudi price hike for European customers comes "on top of a 15-cent rise for August."

Oil prices ended mixed on Friday after an early surge in a three-day rally on the New York Mercantile Exchange ran out of gas in light trading with buyers taking profits or the day off.

Prices ended the week up substantially, however, with traders returning after the Merc failed to drive the benchmark West Texas Intermediate below the \$18-a-barrel level as expected.

On the Merc, September-delivery West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark US crude, slipped 11 cents to end Friday at \$18.48 a barrel, 45 cents above a week ago.

An estimated 61,503 WTI contracts were traded Friday, well below the average of 90,000.

On the US Gulf Coast, where crude is bought and

sold for cash, WTI was quoted at \$18.15 a barrel, up 15 cents on the day and 50 cents on the week.

Peter Beutel of New York's Elders Futures Inc attributed the Merc drop to "Friday mechanics. If you go up during the week, the tendency is to go down on Friday and vice versa. People have a tendency to reserve themselves on Friday."

On Monday, WTI settled below \$18 on for the second time in six trading sessions, but held above the psychologically important level on Tuesday and Wednesday despite extremely light trading.

Buyers returned in force Thursday as Merc prices surged, triggered by tight European crude markets and high German demand for heating oil, known as gas-oil in Europe.

"We followed through today on concerns over the strength (in demand) for gas-oil," said James Fiedler, vice-president of EDF Man International Futures Inc in New York.

He said the rise in gas-oil demand helped drive up the price of European Brent crude, which affected WTI. "We were up on the back of the Brent," the analyst said.

But around mid-day Friday, "buying just kind of dried up ... a technical correction" with profit taking, Fiedler said.

"The crunch from the gas-oil was less of a problem Friday," said James Steel, energy analyst Refco Inc. in New York.

Occidental Petroleum signs joint venture pact with Moscow

LOS ANGELES, Aug 14, (UPI) Occidental Petroleum Corp. said last week its chemicals division has signed a joint venture agreement with the Soviet government to build and operate two chemical plants worth \$200 million at Kalush in the Ukraine.

In a separate announcement, the Mormon Church and a charitable organisation headed by Occidental chairman Dr Armand Hammer said they have agreed to build 200 housing units in the earthquake-damaged region of Armenia.

The chemical plant joint venture, registered under the name "Arnica," will be one of the largest US-Soviet projects undertaken, a company spokesman said.

The plants will produce polyvinyl

chloride resin and films, with construction of the resin plant scheduled to start next year. The resin plant will produce 40,000 metric tons per year following completion in 1993.

The PVC film plant will produce 50,000 metric tons per year.

Oxychem, which had second-quarter revenues of \$1.4 billion, is the largest producer of PVC in the United States.

The division's parent, Occidental Petroleum Corp. of Los Angeles, had announced in April 1988 that it was planning the joint venture, pending a feasibility study. That study has been completed.

The definitive agreement for the joint venture was signed in Moscow Tuesday by Soviet officials and Oxychem's president

and chief operating officer J. Roger Hirl. Hammer was also present, the company announcement said.

Hammer, 91, has extensive experience with business and charity in the Soviet Union. He helped arrange and pay for medical treatment of victims of both the earthquake last year in Soviet Armenia and the 1986 explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine.

"We are very pleased that this project is going forward," Hammer said. "It is in keeping with the strengthening of our chemicals business and with current efforts in the USSR to elevate the standard of living for the Soviet people."

The Soviet officials signing the agreement were Deputy Minister V.M.

Torbenko of the Ministry of Chemical and Petrochemical Industry of the USSR and O.N. Romanenko, director-general of the Kalush facility.

Occidental said 75 per cent of the output from the venture will be sold in the Soviet Union and other Comecon countries. The rest will be marketed by Occidental in Western and other international markets.

The agreement to build housing in Armenia involves a \$2 million gift from Jon M. Huntsman, a leader in the Mormon Church and chairman of Huntsman Chemical Corp. of Salt Lake City.

Huntsman and Hammer are co-chairman of the American-Armenian bridge of friendship organisation.

Trade talks

DAMASCUS, Aug 14, (Reuters) Egypt will take part in this month's Damascus international trade fair for the first time in over a decade, the event's director-general said today.

Nazem Hafez said in a statement that 29 Arab and foreign countries including Egypt would attend the 36th fair, opening on August 28.

Syria and Libya are the only Arab countries which have not yet restored relations with Egypt.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 14, (Reuters) Futures-related buying and demand for blue chips raised the All Ordinaries index 20.6 points to 1,715.5, a post-crash high.

TOKYO: Share prices sagged in thin trade with many brokers on holiday. Those still in town were jittery about the stronger dollar and Friday's US price data. The Nikkei index fell 41.34 points to 34,6

16	78/6
17	19/7
16	46/2
11	19/0
10	33/1

NEW PLR RE	16/2	16/2	SHER PLOU	74/0	74/0
NEWELL CO	44/0	44/2	SHERW-HILL	35/2	35/1
NEWMONT MT	40/1	40/3	SMITH INT	12/7	12/7
NEWMONT GLD	34/7	34/7	SNAP ON TL	34/7	34/7
NI MOHG-10	0	62/3	SNAP INC	40/4	40/5
NI MONT-72	0	80/0	SOUTHERN	27/1	27/1
NICOLET INC	10/7	10/6	SPAIN FUND	15/1	15/0
NITOR INC	39/7	39/7	SPERRY	11/6	11/6
NI INDS	24/0	24/0	SQUARE D	60/0	60/3
NOBLE AFF	14/5	14/6	SQUIBB		
NORD RESOU	11/3	11/4	STONE CONT	28/2	28/2
NORTHROP	25/1	25/1	SUN CO	37/0	37/1
NORTON	56/6	56/7	SUNDSTRAND	78/4	78/6
NOVO NORD	46/5	47/0	SUNSH MIN	3/1	3/1
NUCOR CORP	64/3	64/5	SUPER VAL	28/7	28/5
OAK INDS	1/2	1/3	SOUTHWEST	27/4	27/5
OCC PETROP	28/1	28/1	SW GAS	18/0	18/1
OCEAN DRILL	20/5	20/6	SWB BELL	54/5	54/6
OGDEN CORP	32/4	32/5	TCBY ENT	24/2	24/3
OH SD CO	22/2	22/2	TOK	43/5	43/4
OLIN CORP	65/5	65/6	TECO ENERG	26/7	27/1
OMNICARE	9/0	8/7	TEKTRONIX	22/0	22/2
ORION PICT	21/7	22/0	TELEDYNE	372/2	371/4
PALINE WEB	22/2	22/4	TENNECO IN	59/2	59/7
PAN AM	4/1	4/1	TERADYNE	11/3	11/3
PANHANDLE	27/7	28/3	TESORO PET	10/0	10/1
PARK ELECT	0	13/5	TEXACO	52/4	52/6
PARKER DRI	7/1	7/1	TEXAS IND	36/0	36/0
PARKER HAN	30/6	31/0	TEXAS INST	39/0	39/2
PATRICK PET	6/5	6/6	TEXAS UTIL	32/6	32/6
PC INDS-96	0	96/0	THOMAS IND	20/0	20/2
PENN CENT	26/7	27/1	TIDEWATER	9/2	9/6
PENNZOIL	80/6	80/5	TIME INCOR	142/6	142/7
PEOPLES EN	23/0	23/0	TIMKEN	38/2	38/3
PEPSICO	58/3	58/5	TORCHMARK	46/1	46/1
PERKIN-ELM	27/5	27/5	TOSCO	19/1	19/3
PFIZER	64/4	64/6	TOYS R US	31/7	32/1
PHELPS DOD	67/1	68/1	TRANSAMER	43/3	43/7
PHILIP MOR	159/5	161/0	TRANSCO EN	46/5	46/6
PHILIPS PE	23/7	23/7	TRANSCO EX	12/7	12/6
PINNACLE W	12/2	12/3	TRAVELLERS	44/1	44/1
PITN-BOMES	51/6	52/1	TRILUX INC	45/4	45/4
PITTSOFT	20/7	20/7	TU CORP	35/3	35/3
POLAROID	47/6	47/6	TUX CORP	18/2	18/4
PORTLAND GE	25/3	25/3	UNAL CORP	256/0	256/2
PPG INDS	44/1	44/2	UTO BRAND	16/5	17/0
PRIME CORP	17/7	18/0	UTO TECH	53/2	56/0
PRIME INNS	35/6	35/6	UNILEVER	71/6	71/5
PRIMERICA	27/3	27/4	UNION CAMP	39/4	39/2
PROCTER GM	124/6	124/5	UNION CARB	28/2	28/4
PUGET SP-L	21/5	21/6	US SHOE	20/1	20/1
PULTE HOME	15/6	15/4	USX CP	35/0	35/2
QUAKER OAT	66/6	66/7	US WEST	71/4	71/5
QUAKER COR	16/1	16/2	US AIR CP	51/0	51/0
QUANTUM CH	43/3	43/4	VALERO EN	16/3	16/4
RALS PURIN	95/0	95/2	VALLEY IND	1/2	1/3
RAKADA INN	14/1	14/2	VARCO INTL	4/4	4/5
RANGER OIL	5/6	5/7	VARIAN ASS	27/4	27/4
RATCHEM	38/1	38/3	W PRT PEPP	0	56/1
RAYMARK	2/1	2/0	WAINOC INC	7/4	7/4
RAYTHEON	77/7	77/7	WAL MART	40/7	41/0
REYNOLD ME	56/6	57/0			

ROKINS TRUS	31/2	31/3	WASH GAS L	28/5	28/7
ROLLINS EN	11/2	11/3	WENDY INTL	5/6	5/6
ROLLINS IN	18/3	18/3	WEST CO	21/0	21/1
ROKER GRP	43/1	44/0	WESTINGHE	67/5	67/7
ROMAN COMP	8/6	8/6	WILLIAMS E	11/7	12/0
ROYL DUTCH	67/0	67/2	WINNEBAGO	7/4	7/5
RSS BERRIE	17/2	17/3			
RYDER SYST	27/0	27/6	WOLVER WW	15/0	15/1
RYLAND GRP	25/2	25/4	WOOLWORTH	64/0	65/4
S DEIG G-E	41/4	41/4	WORLD CORP	12/0	12/0
SALOMON	27/3	27/6	WRIGLEY	46/5	46/4
SARA LEE	59/0	59/2	WYLE LABS	8/2	8/2
			WYFRO CORP	67/3	67/0

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,684.18 +	0.19	2,693.66	2,672.99
TRANS	1,417.67 +	4.44	1,418.92	1,407.54
UTILS	217.24 -	0.32	217.93	216.80
STOCKS	1,066.15 +	0.88	1,068.73	1,061.48
NYSE COMP	191.98 -	0.29		
S-P COMPOSITE	344.29 -	0.45		
NYSE INDS	230.07 -	0.28		
AMEX INDEX	380.03 -	0.61		
NASD COMP	461.22 -	1.26		
AMEX INT INDEX	330.13 -	0.98		
NASD FIN'L	548.99 -	1.18		
NASD BANKING	487.96 -	0.45		
S-P 100 INDEX	319.79 -	0.11		
NASD INDS	446.63 -	1.29		

1/4	-	3 1/8	BAT INDS	12 7/8	+	1/4
1/4	-	2 3/4	ECNO BAY	16 3/8	+ <td>3/8</td>	3/8
3/4	+	1/8	CORONA A	7 5/8	+	1/4
3/4	+	5/8	WANG LAB B	6 1/2	-	1/8
7/8	+	3/8	KIRBY EXPL	8	-	UNCH
3/4	+	3/4	TEXAS AIR	17 1/8	+	1/4
3/4	-	1 1/2	AMDAHL CP	14 7/8	-	1/8
	+	5/8	TIE	2	+	1/8
	-	1/4	NELSON HLD	7/8	UNCH	
1/4	-	3/8	NU HORIZON	2 1/8	+	1/8

1/4	- 1 1/8	NEW LINE	7 5/8	- 1 7/8
67,946,770		AMEX VOLUME	5,531,125	3/4
493		STOCKS UP	184	
811		STOCKS DOWN	263	
LUNE 139,264,300				
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PERCENT CHANGE	AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE
1 1/4 + 1/4	FORUM GRP 4 3/4 + 3/8
1 1/4 + 1/4	LEE PHARM 3 1/4 + 1/4
1 1/4 - 3 1/8	JONES PLUM 3 3/4 + 1/4
1 1/4 - 1 1/8	LINCOLN NC 6 5/8 - 1 7/8
	NEW LINE 7 5/8 - 3/4
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Wall Street Market Report

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Swedish export credit is issuing a 100 mln Canadian dir zero coupon Eurobond due September 22, 1999 priced at 41-1/8 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc said.

LONDON: Sanwa Australia Ltd is issuing a 100 mln Australian dir floating rate note due August 1994, lead manager Sanwa International Ltd said.

Sydney: Westpac Banking Corp said it expects to increase its charge against profit for bad debts by 15 to 20 pct in the second half of the year to September 30 compared with the first half charge of 26 pct.

Lagos: A disagreement between the World Bank and the Nigerian government over how to develop the country's steel sector is holding up payment of a much needed loan tranche, Nigerian and World Bank officials said.

Zurich: The canton of Geneva is issuing 200 mln Swiss francs in 10-year bonds with an indicated coupon of 5.5 pct whose issue price will be set by tender, lead manager Lombard Odier & Co said.

Zurich: Switzerland's Von Moos Holding AG is issuing a 55 mln Swiss franc bond with warrants, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said.

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	31.25	32	31.75	NAT ORG	--	--	--
ACC	254	257.50	254.50	GRASIM	114	115	114	NIPPON	39.50	39	40
ALLEN CHEM	---	---	---	GSFC	167.50	160	162.50	MOCIL	960	960	970
ALV MIS	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	73	70.50	72.50	OKRAY	15.50	17.25	16.50
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSWAL AGRO	72	72.50	78
ASHOK LEY	65	62.50	65	HERO HONDA	19	19.50	20	PEICO	18.50	17.50	18.50
ASIAN PAINT	200	197.50	192.50	HIND CIBA	845	820	830	PFIZER	60	59	60
ASLAD COP	35	37	39	HIND COCOA	111.25	113.75	116.25	PORDS	156.25	157.50	161.25
AUTO CORP	72.50	70	72	HIND LEVER	95	95	94	PREN AUTO	56	55	57.50
BAJAJ AUTO	337.50	337.50	342.50	HIND MOTOR	31.50	31	32	RANBAXY	80	80	81.25
BAR RAYON	550	565	565	HINDALCO	253.75	257.50	256.25	RAY WOOL	84	84	84.25
BL BOND	78	77	79	HOECHST	760	765	780	RECKITT	175	172.50	175
BK PLAST	---	---	---	HIND ORG	38.50	39.50	41	RELIANCE	113	114	114.50
BOM DYE	119	119.50	124.50	HIND RAYON	79.50	80.50	79.50	SESA GAO	41	42.50	42
BSE INDEX	715.35	732.31	732.31	INDOROL	276.25	282.50	291.25	SHAW WALL	---	---	---
BURR MEL	187.50	182.50	187.50	INDERSOLL	400.40	402.50	402.50	SHREE CEM	---	---	---
CANSHARE	---	---	---	ITC	120	127	123.50	SHRI FIB	72	---	---
CEK ENKA	2800	2775	2780	JK SYN	75	76	76	SIEMENS	68	67	69
CEK SPG	1990	2000	2020	KIN ENGG	136.25	136.75	137.50	SKF	1200	1220	1260
COLGATE	310	313.75	315	KIR CLUM	64	63	65	SPIC	47	46.50	47
CROFT GR	1300	---	---	KSR PUMPS	370	---	---	ST HILLS	350	340	350
DCI	10.50	---	---	L AND T	108	108	108.50	TATA CHEM	120	119	122
DEEP FERT	28.50	28	28.50	LIPTON	69	69	69	TATA OIL	70	68.75	66.25
DUNLOP	77	77	78	MAC RUSSEL	105	105	110	TATA POW	352.50	335	340
EI HOTELS	59	58	59	NAD COATS	100	---	---	TELCO	1057	1065	1072
ESORTS	68.25	69.50	74	MAHINDRA	87	86	86	THAPP AGRO	---	---	---
ESKAYEY	113.75	118.75	120	NAS SHARE	15.50	15.50	15.75	TISCO	1287	1298	1300
ESSAR SPG	26.75	27	28.35	NICO	600	610	620	VAM ORG	156.25	156.25	156.25
FOOD SPL	157.50	158.75	160	MILKFOOD	192.50	---	---	VARELI	21.25	21.25	22.50
FORBES	48.25	47.50	50	MOOI	83	82.50	85	VOLTAS	845	840	850
GAR POLY	67	66.50	67	MRF LTD	317.50	317.50	321.25	VIMCO	17	17	17
GE SHIPPING	39.75	39.25	39.50	MUK IRON	128	128	127	ZENITH	52	50	52
GLINDIA	88	87.50	87.50	NAT INDEX	366.80	373.66	373.66	ZUARI AGRO	71	70	72.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	219.0	219.5
ALLIANCE VR	2160.0	2181.5
BADEMERK	229.0	229.5
BASF	299.0	302.5
BAYER	317.0	322.0
BAYER RYP	403.5	412.5
BAYER VER	392.0	399.0
BBC	499.5	497.0
BHF	453.0	456.5
BHW	606.0	613.0
COMMERZB	257.0	262.0
CONTI GUMM	318.0	321.8
DATMER BEN	798.5	810.5
DEUTSCH BAK	658.0	672.5
DLW	535.0	536.0
DRESDNER B	355.5	363.7
DT BABCOCK	217.0	220.0
FAZ INDEX	654.44	663.04
FELDMUEHLE	401.0	397.0
GOLDSCHEID	429.5	437.0
HARPENER	453.0	456.0
HORCHST AG	303.1	309.7
WESCH	235.5	239.5
HORTEN	284.0	286.5
HUSSEL HLD	647.0	657.0
KALI SALZ	217.0	217.0
KARSTADT	601.0	605.0
KAUFHOF	511.0	515.9
KLOECK H	188.0	192.0
KLOECK W	156.5	159.5
LINDE	788.0	792.0
LUFTHANSA	175.5	177.5
MAN	352.5	356.0
MANHESMAN	250.0	253.9
MERCEDES	633.0	643.5
METALLGES	461.5	469.0
NIXDORF PF	348.0	355.2
NORSK HYD	40.80	41.20
PHILIP KOM	565.5	569.0
PORSCHE	830.0	850.0
PREUSSAG	298.0	299.0
RMA	307.0	309.5
RHEINMETAL	409.0	414.0
RME P	338.5	342.8
RME P	284.5	286.5
SALAMANDER	382.0	386.0
SCHERING	738.0	746.5
SEL	339.5	335.5
SIEMENS	604.0	615.1
TVSSEN	234.5	239.5
VARTA	394.0	401.0
VEBA	339.2	345.0
VEW	192.0	197.0
VOLKSWAGEN	457.5	463.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.70	14.50
CASH	8.40	8.45
CAVENISH	327	332
CELENG K	8.45	8.35
CHINA L-P	12.10	11.95
DAIRY FARM	7.50	7.50
EVEREST IND	2.30	2.25
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	640.39	613.39
HAECO	20	19
HANG LUNG	742.77	5.00
HENDERSON	5.55	5.50
HK BANK	5.60	5.45
HK ELEC	7.75	7.80
HK GAS	17.30	17.20
HK LAND	8.35	8.20
HK TELECOM	4.80	4.82
HK-S HOTEL	5.10	4.87
HOPWELL	2.82	2.77
HUTCHINSON	20.90	20.80
JYSAN DEV	1.38	1.37
JYSAN MATH	20.70	20.30
JSH	12.20	11.90
KH BUS	7.30	7.25
LAI SUN	136	135
MANDARIN O	0	0
MIRAMAR	6.25	6.20
NEW WORLD	10.40	10.40
PAUL Y CON	1.14	1.06
SHK PROP	11.60	11.30
STELLUX	2.40	2.27
SWIRE A	16.30	16.10
TAI CHEUNG	4.42	4.37
TV-B	.92	.95
WARRP	9.00	8.95
WINDOR	8.70	8.70
WORLD INTL	3.80	3.75

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.45	2.48
			JOR PAPER CARDS/SG	5.00	4.80
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.52	2.60	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.51	4.35
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.92	1.87	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.45	2.36
ARAB BANK	175.7	166.9	JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79	1.72
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	5.45	5.45	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.02	2.00	JOR ROCK WOOL INC.	1.22	1.16
ARAB INSURANCE	1.11	1.10	JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.50	0.47	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	1.82	1.83
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.64	2.57
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.17	1.13	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.10	4.85
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	0.30	0.25	JOR. KUWAIT AGA	0.85	0.89
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.47	0.45	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.89	7.82
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	4.30	4.09	JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.92	2.80
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.80	1.71	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.30	2.28
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.30
BANK OF JORDAN	14.90	14.88	JORDAN DAIRY	1.99	1.07
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.25	1.20	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.12	1.14
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00	JORDAN GULF ILS.	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00	JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.45	2.45
CONFEY/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.37	1.32
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34	JORDAN TANNING	1.92	1.92
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.98	2.90	MACH/EDU/RENT/MAIN	0.89	0.85
DARCO/INVEST/HOVS.	0.70	0.67	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.52	0.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MIDDEL EAST INS.	2.00	1.90
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.95	1.90
HIMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	2.53	2.41
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NATIONAL AHLIA INS.	1.50	1.45
IND. MATCH JEMCO	1.17	1.11	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.99	0.90
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKO	1.70	1.65	NATIONAL PORTFOLIC	1.47	1.34
INDSTR. CON/AGRI.	1.62	1.61	NATIONAL QUARRY	1.99	1.04
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL STEEL	2.47	2.45
INTERN. COM/INV.	0.13	0.13	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81	PETRA BANK	2.10	2.18
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.17	2.06	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.39	1.43
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.80	0.80	PRECAD CONCRETE	0.61	0.58
JERUSALEM INS.	1.27	1.21	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.00	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.63	0.60
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.32	2.30	SHIPPING LINES	1.24	1.19
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SPINNING WEAVING	1.50	1.52
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.43	1.40	THE HOUSING BANK	1.78	1.78
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	UNITED INSURANCE	1.22	1.23
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.07	1.05	UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	2.98	2.83
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.40	2.40	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.89
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	105.00	106.00	108.00
AC-A	38.50	39.00	40.00	LC-B	.28	.29	.28
ANS	3.15	3.20	3.25	PA-A	.32	.33	.32
GLO	23.50	24.00	25.50	PK-B	.34	.35	.34
PLDT	400.00	402.50	402.50	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
SPC-A	5.70	5.80	---	BP-A	.011	.012	.012
SMC-A	74.00	74.50	75.50	BP-B	.012	.013	.012
SMC-B	114.00	116.00	115.00	LRC-A	.0036	.004	.004
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	LRC-B	---	---	---
APX-A	.014	.015	.015	OPM-A	.045	.046	.046
APX-B	.015	.016	.016	OPM-B	.048	.049	.049
AT-A	52.00	52.50	49.50	OV-A	.035	.036	.035
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	6,026,450	91,713,360	1,652.73	53.17 DN
MINING	71,582,400	16,548,075	5,673.91	37.61 DN
OIL	178,250,000	4,567,150	6,909	0.047 DN
COMP.	255,858,850	112,828,850	1,178.01	23.73 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	104.00	105.00	109.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-B	109.00	112.00	112.00
SMC-A	74.50	75.00	75.00	LC-A	.28	.29	.28
SMC-B		114.00	114.00	LC-B	.32	.33	.32
PLDT	400.00	402.50	400.00	ZIP	.0045	.008	.009
ANS-A	3.15	3.20	3.20				
ANS-B		4.65					
AC-A	38.50	39.00	39.50	OIL SECTOR			
GLO	23.50	23.75	23.50	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
FER-A	2.18	2.20	2.20	BP-A	.011	.012	.012
FER-B		3.20	3.20	BP-B	.012	.013	
				LRC-A	.0038	.004	.004
				LRC-B			
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.045	.046	.040
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-B	.048	.049	.049
APX-A	.014	.015	.014	OV-A	.035	.036	.035
APX-B	.014	.016	.015	OV-B	.038	.039	.039
AT-A	52.00	52.50	51.50	TA	.019	.02	.02
AT-B	53.50	54.00	52.00				

Dinar firms against dollar

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 14. (AP) Jordanians today rushed to exchange dollars for local currency after Gulf states poured in aid and the Central Bank intervened to stabilise the battered dinar.

"I believe the dinar value is going to go up again and I thought I'd better sell the dollars that I have seen," said Mohammed Bassem Khalil, a technician. "I don't want to lose a bundle since I bought some dollars few months ago at a high rate and now it (the dollar) is going down dramatically," Khalil said at Petra Bank exchange stand, where a long line had formed.

A banker, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Central Bank intervention and "recent Arab donations have helped to stabilise the value of the dinar dramatically."

As a result "people are panicking and everybody is selling their dollars," he said. "There is a big demand for dinars now."

The dinar has firmed against the US dollar on the local free market since the Central Bank pumped in \$25 million and introduced a two-tier exchange system July 31 to help stabilise the Jordanian currency and curb black market currency dealing.

Banks bought dollars at 740 fils and sold them at 800 fils today compared to Thursday's buy and sell rates of 800 and 820 fils. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra said the Central Bank issued a memo to local banks today saying it can "provide banks with their foreign currency needs" at a rate of 765 fils for sale at no more than 770.

The Central Bank said the money was to satisfy "various demands by customers" including financing imports of "non-essential commodities."

Yesterday, the Central Bank fixed the official rate at \$85.2 and \$91.2, up from \$80.1 and \$86.1 fils after the dollar rose internationally.

On July 31, the Central Bank sold \$16.5 million to banks at 815 fils and allowed banks to sell them at no more than 820 fils to finance non-essential imports.

It also provided the banks with another \$10 million for exchange at the official rate to help finance imports of some medicines, subsidised food and expenses of students studying abroad.

Black market dealers adjusted their rates to 740 and 750 fils to the dollar today, compared with last Wednesday's \$10.

Financial experts say the dinar's new-found stability derives from a \$270-million aid payment made recently by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

They hinted that Gulf states may deposit more foreign currency with the Central Bank to help Jordan reduce its \$8.3-billion foreign debt.

KD deposits mostly steady

KUWAIT, Aug 14. (Reuters) Kuwaiti dinar deposits were mostly steady today in quiet trade.

Tomorrow's fixed 1/2 point from yesterday to 7-1/2 6-1/2 per cent. Spot-next and one week were unmoved at 8-1/2 7-1/2.

One month was indicated little changed at 8-1/4 1/8, three months at 8-3/4 3/8 and six months and one year at 8-5/8 3/8.

Overnight rose from six four to trade at eight, but then fell to trade at one per cent.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate unchanged from Sunday at 0.2979/802.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial inter-bank deposits firmed further in response to a rise in Eurodollar rates prompted by speculation the US Federal Reserve may have finished easing monetary policy.

Dealers said fixed period funds were marked up to 1/8 point higher following a similar rise in Eurodollar rates, which are often closely tracked by rial deposits.

But they said business remained thin, with some offshore banks in Bahrain remaining shut for an extended weekend following a Shiite Muslim holiday.

Spot-next and one-week were quoted little changed in a range of nine, 8-3/4 per cent.

One-month and three-month deposits rose 1/8 point to 8-7/8, 11/16 and 8-3/4, 5/8 per cent respectively. The six-months and one-year both firmed 1/16 point to 8-11/16, 1/2 and 8-5/8, 1/2.

The spot rial was little changed at 3.7502/05 to the dollar.

Issues of shares, debentures by existing firms

India disfavours offers to global financial agencies

BOMBAY, August 14: The Finance Ministry is disinclined to permit hereafter any running Indian company to issue shares or convertible debentures to international financial agencies or foreign venture capital funds, according to the Economic Times.

Larsen and Toubro is likely to be the first casualty of the new policy.

The management of Larsen and Toubro has been informally told by the controller of capital issues to drop its proposal to offer to international agencies, on a firm allotment basis, fully convertible debentures of Rs1,000 million out of its proposed aggregate issue of Rs9,200 million.

The likely ban on the issue of shares or debentures of running companies follows the recent unloading by Inter-

national Finance Corporation, Washington, of non-convertible portion of partly convertible Tata Steel debentures in favour of Unit Trust of India and other Indian financial institutions, it is stated.

IFC of Washington is reported to have disinvested its entire non-convertible (NCD) part of 12 per cent Tata Steel debenture at a discount price yielding a return of around 15 to 16 per cent per annum.

This international agency was allotted on a firm basis Tata Steel partly convertible debentures (of the face value of Rs1,200 each) of an aggregate Rs350 million out of the total issue of Rs5,650 million.

The Finance Ministry's move partly stems from the apprehensions that such

direct offers at relatively low prices might adversely affect the prospects of the issues proposed by several leading companies in the international markets.

Tata Steel, Reliance Industries and several other large companies have approached the government to make issues of shares and/or convertible debentures in the international markets. Such issues are likely to be made around the ruling market prices, it is stated.

It is clear that if international agencies are invited to participate in running profitable Indian companies at low prices at which existing shareholders or the Indian public are offered, these agencies may not opt for participation in international issues contemplated at

around market prices, it is felt.

The policy pertaining to the direct equity participation by international agencies in grassroot projects is unlikely to be changed, it is stated.

In fact, the Indian government is keen on promoting direct equity investments by international and multilateral agencies, venture capital as also mutual funds.

Besides Larsen and Toubro, Mahindra and Mahindra has proposed to reserve convertible debentures of about Rs100 million for allotment to international financial institutions out of its total offer of about Rs920 million. Apollo Tyres has recently been permitted by the controller of capital issues to make a direct offer of debentures to international agencies.

Japan's trade surplus shrinks

Dinar higher against pound

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was lower against the US dollar ending the week at 295.81 fils compared with its week before last closing of 293.22 fils.

The KD was higher against the pound sterling, ending the week at 480.25 fils compared with its week before last closing of 488.06 fils.

The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 156.18 fils compared with its week before last closing of 157.19 fils.

The KD was higher against the SFR ending the week at 181.22 fils compared with its week before last closing of 182.29 fils.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 360.74 fils compared with its week before last closing of 366.06 fils. The KD was slightly easier against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, short term interbank rates traded lower over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week within 8.56 per cent-9.12 per cent range compared with 9.10 per cent-9.43 per cent range the week before last. While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.81 per cent-9.12 per cent range compared with 9.18 per cent-9.37 per cent range the week before last.

Rates for longer periods traded also lower within a relatively narrow range of 8.87 per cent-9.12 per cent for both 6 and 12 months.

World stock markets Wall Street stock prices continued to strengthen last week, rising to a high of 2733, lifted by a weaker-than-expected 0.47 per cent drop in July producer prices, but fell sharply late in the week on futures-related programme selling which was triggered by a fall in bond prices on concerns interest rates are not near their peak.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2695 and closed lower at 2684, but recorded a gain of 31 points over the previous week's closing of 2653. Share prices on the London Stock Exchange rose last week after Wall Street moved higher. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2334, recording a gain of 23 points over the previous week's closing of 2328.

US dollar The dollar traded mixed over the week although later it firmed closing the week higher especially against the Deutsche mark. The low-inflation, and continued-growth scenario have helped the dollar on expectations that investments will be attracted to the US bond and stock markets.

US deficit estimated for 1990 is expected to be revised next week by \$20 billion higher from \$100 billion to \$120 billion. The Congressional Budget Office expects such a deficit would require automatic spending cuts to reduce the deficit. While efforts by foreign governments to stimulate their economic and domestic policies is expected to help the US trade deficit.

US Producer Price Index for the month fell by 0.4 per cent as compared to 0.1 per cent fall in the previous month.

For the first seven months of 1989, producer prices, have risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.7 per cent compared with 4 per cent rise in all of 1988. Furthermore, US retail sales rose at seasonally adjusted basis 0.9 per cent in July as compared to 0.1 per cent decline in June. Apparently, higher interest rates over the past year forced consumers to cut back on spending, but the July retail sales increase, which is the largest monthly increase a 1.4 per cent increase, indicates continuing moderate economic expansion.

US Producer Price Index fell 0.4 per cent in July, after a 0.1 per cent decline in June. Accordingly, inflation at the wholesale level is falling, which lends support to the US administration's contention that inflationary pressures are abating. However, the drop in inflation is largely due to a 0.3 per cent fall in energy prices and a 1.9 per cent decline in auto prices.

Pound sterling The pound opened the week against the US dollar at \$1.5980/90, reached a high of \$1.6255/65, before closing lower at \$1.5825/35, compared to its week before last closing of \$1.6050/60.

Earlier in the week, the pound benefited from the dollar's decline gaining ground against both the dollar and the mark, but eased later in the week in the face of the dollar's strength.

News of a 2.3 per cent fall in June retail sales following a 3.0 per cent rise in May and a \$3.94 billion rise in UK new consumer credit in June, down from \$4.18 billion in May, had little impact on the pound. The figures show that there has been a marked reduction in retail sales growth, but consumer spending is not collapsing. Evidence so far suggests, Chancellor Lawson will be unable to cut interest rates until much later in the year.

Sterling is expected to remain softer over the short-term in the face of the dollar's strength. It is expected to trade within a 1.57-1.60 range.

Japanese yen The yen opened the week against the US dollar at \$140.00/10 yen and closed the week lower at \$141.80/90 yen compared to its week before last closing at \$139.85/95 yen.

Although the yen gained some momentum around the mid part of the week, nevertheless, it later fell back as investors were going long on the dollar.

Japan's trade surplus for the month of July shrunk by 16.5 per cent to \$5.99 billion from \$7.18 billion a year ago. The surplus decline was aided by brisk Japanese domestic demand, lagging US economic growth and a higher dollar.

Japan's trade surplus in the near term is expected to narrow further as the US economy is expected to slow, while Japanese domestic consumption is to stay robust.

Japan's surplus with the US for the month of July contracted to \$3.83 billion a year ago. With auto imports, which make up about 17.2 per cent of Japan's export, fell 8.5 per cent with the US and 6.1 per cent with the European Economic Community.

Deutsche mark The mark opened the week against the US dollar at 1.9163/73 marks and closed the week lower at 1.9375/85 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.9050/60 marks. Although the mark gained some momentum against the dollar over the first part of the week, however, later it lost most of its gains.

Over the week and for the first time since mid-June, many European Central Banks' intervened heavily against the dollar to break its rapid strength, however, strong demand for US bonds and shares as well as US data releases helped the dollar to continue to rise especially against the mark.

The Bundesbank announced that W. Germany's long-term capital inflow rose to 1.67 billion marks in June after it was virtually flat in May with a surplus of 70 million marks. Furthermore, the Bundesbank over the early part of the week had set a variable repurchase tender rate following a month of fixed rate.

With this many are beginning to expect such a decision is a sign of Bundesbank's changing policy.

With little fresh news expected over the coming week, coupled with the normal thin summer market, we see little chance for the mark to gain any significant momentum against the dollar. Accordingly, the mark is to remain under pressure for the next week with an expected trading range of 1.98-1.99 marks against the dollar.



Rilwanu Lukman

Plans to export gas to Europe

LAGOS, Aug 14. (OPECNA) Nigeria, a country often described by oil experts as an "ocean of gas with a speck of oil," is currently gearing up to join major gas suppliers to Europe and the United States.

With proven natural gas reserves of 100 trillion cu.ft., the country plans to export its first shipment of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Europe in 1995.

Projected global sales of Nigerian LNG in the 1990s are seen as "a major breakthrough" for a country whose abundant gas resources have been under-utilised and, at times, flagrantly flared and wasted over the years.

European companies are expected to buy about 3.3 billion cu. metres of LNG, while US buyers will take up the balance of five billion cu. metres.

Around \$12 billion will be earned in the 20 years of the initial sales contract, which is set to give Nigeria a major boost in its foreign exchange drive and also ensure better and more effective use of its gas resources.

Although Europe currently has the Soviet Union, Algeria, the Netherlands and Norway as its major LNG suppliers, Nigeria is determined to penetrate the market.

The Nigerian LNG company — owned 60 per cent by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), 20 per cent by Shell and 10 per cent each by Italy's Agip and Elf Aquitaine of France — has committed \$2.5 billion to the project. The consortium has already secured markets in Europe and the United States for the country's gas.

NNPC officials say deals have been formulated with such major European gas companies as Ruhrgas and Thyssen of West Germany, Gas de France, Snamprogetti of Italy and Enagas of Spain. Similar commitments have also been received from two American gas firms — Cabot Corporation and Cove Point Trading.

Nigerian Petroleum Resources Minister Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman recently confirmed that inroads made in the American market were impressive.

Negotiations He stressed: "Even though the market has been virtually secured in Europe and America for the country's LNG, it is necessary to conclude the negotiations that have already been started with our buyers with a view to signing a sales contract very soon."

Lukman, who is OPEC's conference president, reiterated that work is progressing in other areas such as shipping, fiscal arrangements, project financing and project organisations.

As is customary in the trade of this commodity, sales are usually negotiated well in advance of production. According to the coordinator of the Nigerian LNG project, E.I. Onyia, the huge investment involved in the development of an LNG project, requires a market that is firmly established beforehand.

Economic growth rapidly expanding

More than \$3.85b is in the pipeline for the project

RAYONG, Thailand, Aug 14. (UPI) Thailand's economic growth — long confined to the area around Bangkok — is rapidly expanding to a beautiful strip of coast where workers are building the country's biggest industrial project.

Under construction in the three provinces east of Bangkok are two deep-sea ports, a gas-separation plant, a major petrochemical complex and two large industrial parks. Planners expect many more projects to begin soon as part of the Eastern Seaboard Development Programme.

"The importance of all this is that we are spreading development away from Bangkok and into new areas," said Savit Bhotiwahk, director of the office of the Eastern Seaboard Development Committee.

Savit, who has spent the past seven years on the project, said it

was the first example of a new Thai strategy for comprehensively planned economic development.

The Eastern Seaboard is meant to bring together the government and the private sector to co-ordinate investment with much-needed infrastructure.

More than \$3.85 billion is in the pipeline for the project that will create whole new communities and new industries in an area of more than 3,000 square miles known for its beautiful beaches and sleepy fishing towns.

"There will be up to 500,000 people pouring into this region in the next two decades," said Savit.

Some Eastern Seaboard projects such as the gas-separation plant at Rayong, 145 miles (233 km) southeast of Bangkok, have already begun production. Many other projects will come on line in the next two years.

Thailand's economy in the last four years has been expanding at nearly 10 per cent annually and this year another double-digit record is expected.

Manufactured exports are leading the growth.

Last year Thailand exported goods worth \$15 billion — 30 per cent higher than 1987 and forecasters expect this year's exports to exceed \$19.2 billion.

But the boom has triggered delays in the main port at Bangkok, soaring prices for industrial land, salary increases, massive traffic jams and shortages of electricity and telecommunications lines.

The most immediate problem is port congestion with the country's main port at Bangkok capable of handling only ships of 15,000 tons or smaller.

Already the port is operating at more than 30 per cent above normal capacity and still ship-

pers worry about delays hurting export performance.

The two deep sea ports being built on the Eastern Seaboard are designed to relieve the pressure.

The port at Laem Chabang, 78 miles (125 km) east of Bangkok is designed to handle shipping for the light industries being set up adjacent to the port.

Laem Chabang will be able to handle 35,000 ton ships and is designed so it can be expanded from the initial four container wharfs to as many as 30.

The port at Mab Ta Phut, 144 miles (232 km) east of Bangkok is being developed to serve major heavy industries, gas-related industries and general cargo.

The navy port at nearby Sattahip and the adjacent airport at U-Tapao, once the base for American B-52s flying bombing raids against north Vietnam, add to the transport possibilities of the region.

Sarney approves economic measures

BRASILIA, Brazil, Aug 14. (AP) President Jose Sarney has approved several measures to cut the nation's public deficit and curb rampant inflation, including the privatisation of 14 state-run enterprises.

Sarney announced the austerity measures last week, part of a programme designed to combat 1,000-per cent annual inflation, after a two-hour meeting with senate leader Nelson Carneiro and House Speaker Antonio Paes de Andrade, said spokesman Ronaldo Costa Couto.

Also Wednesday, Finance Minister Mailson da Nobrega said the nation's foreign creditors have agreed to a delay in debt payments. He denied Brazil planned to declare a moratorium on repaying its foreign debt.

In addition to privatising steel, oil and shipping enterprises, the government will sell off a number of state-subsidised mansions and official residences in Brasilia previously used by ministers and high officials. Couto said.

He said the government also would eliminate 5,000 vacant government jobs, but he refused to comment on whether thousands of civil workers would be fired, as promised by Sarney in January.

Last week, political party leaders offered Sarney a 30-point document urging emergency reforms to improve Brazil's ailing economy, including boosting imports to increase industrial competition and cutting state subsidies and tax breaks to private businesses.

Retail sales growth slowest in six years

LONDON, Aug 14. (UPI) Retail sales growth in Britain last month reached its slowest rate in six years as high interest rates apparently squeezed consumer spending, a survey on British industries said today.

The Confederation of British Industry/Financial Times distributive trades survey reported that of 310 retailers interviewed, 43 per cent said sales volumes in July were higher than a year ago, while 41 per cent said they were lower.

The two per cent balance is sharply lower than the 27 per cent growth reported in June. The survey said last summer's sales growth peaked at about 60 per cent.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI distributive trades panel, said the survey should be examined in context of last year's high and warned against further tightening of monetary policy.

"Although this further slowdown in year-on-year retail sales growth should be seen within the context of high sales volumes witnessed during last summer's boom, the survey shows that high interest rates are continuing their job of controlling consumer demand," Whittaker said.

Chemists, grocers and liquor stores reported the best sales increases for July, while the largest drops in sales hit furniture, household goods and carpet stores.

Analysts say the slowdown may have been aggravated by a series of one-day transport strikes and unusually hot weather, both of which may have discouraged shopping.

Sales in the automobile sector, which have been weak since the beginning of the year, continued that trend last month, the survey said. Seven per cent of the 48 motor traders questioned said sales were lower than a year ago.

Whittaker said: "With retail sales growth at its slowest rate in the survey's six-year history, there is no justification for any further tightening of monetary policy, which would only increase the risks of tipping the economy into recession or a hard landing."

"Once inflation is on a clear downward trend, this should open the way for cuts in interest rates," he said.

Meanwhile, Mining Corp Consolidated Gold Fields, taken over by British industrialised Lord Hanson for £3.5 billion (\$5.6 billion), said today it was selling a 30-per cent stake in Gold Fields of South Africa.

The South African-based Rembrandt Group, an industrial holding company, and asteroid, a company jointly owned by GFS and mining group Dreifontein Consolidated, are paying £368 million (\$585 million) for the holding.

Lord Hanson's conglomerate, Hanson PLC, had been expected to sell off parts of Cons Gold in order to recover some of the cost of the takeover, one of the biggest in British corporate history, which was clinched one week ago.

Hanson is expected to dispose of much of Cons Gold's mining interests while probably retaining control of its Arc Gravel and quarrying business.

Cons Gold chairman Rudolf Agnew, who fought off a takeover bid by South African-backed Minorco earlier this year before Hanson gained control, welcomed the share sale.

Economic reform plan announced

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Aug 14. (AP) Sudan's new military leaders yesterday announced an economic expenditure and possible decreases in subsidies.

Col. Salah El Din Mohamed Karrar, member of the 15-member Revolution Council in charge of the economy, said in an interview with the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that he was optimistic that Sudan would be able to reach an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) soon.

Improving Sudan's faltering economy, which is burdened by a \$13 billion foreign debt and an exhausting civil war in the south, has been one of the main targets of the new regime which took over power in a military coup June 30.

Karrar said that the Finance Ministry has ordered government units to cut down their expenditure by 20 per cent, but did not specify how much money that would save.

One of the Junta's first acts was to condense the more than 30-minister cabinet to 22 ministers.

He also said that "the government subsidies to some of the main consumer goods would be reconsidered" but did not mention which commodities would be affected.

Ousted Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's government had earmarked 2.196 million Sudanese pounds (\$183 million) for subsidies in the present fiscal year.

Karrar said that he was optimistic that Sudan would reach agreement with the IMF next month without affecting the welfare of Sudanese people. He gave no details.

In February 1986, the IMF declared Sudan ineligible for further loans for defaulting on debt payments.

Impressive Indian capital market growth lauded



S.B. Chavan

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The GNP growth rate during this year expected to be around 9 per cent, largely due to the strong recovery in agricultural production and the sustained growth in industrial production. Economy has posted a remarkable recovery after years of drought of 1987-88, the strains on the balance of payments position have continued during 1988-89.

Dr Man Mohan Singh, secretary of South Commission who was recently in Kuwait told the Arab Times, India has to increase her exports but the world current account deficit of

the balance of payments is still less than 2 per cent of India's GNP. As such India's credit worthiness will remain high and one need not be too perturbed by the widening of trade deficit. Nevertheless India has to increase her exports.

When asked about strong underlying inflationary pressures which are afflicting the economy, Dr Singh said: "The fact that India's inflation rate has been kept to single digit despite a massive drought in 1987 is a tribute to the high quality of India's macroeconomic management. In 1988-89, national

income is expected to increase by over eight per cent. This will help to stabilise prices at a reasonable level. With the expected growth of over eight per cent in India's national income during 1988-89, there will be a better balance between growth of monetary demand and supply of output. As such inflationary pressures are bound to become less severe in the coming months.

He added that there is no doubt that there is need to keep deficit financing under a tighter control. The resource mobilisation both at the centre and the states has to be improved and

expenditure growth has also to be moderated.

Since the mid-1970s Indian economy has grown at an average annual rate of five per cent. There has been a sharp improvement in industrial growth in the 1980s. If this trend persists overall growth rate in the 1990s could go up to six per cent per annum.

The five per cent growth rate of the Indian economy — a recent trend — is not enough to solve the age-old problems of poverty, unemployment and illiteracy. Bold initiatives are needed for tackling problems of

backward lagged regions of the country.

The Planning Commission favours a growth rate of six per cent for the eighth plan. The seventh plan is about to end on a hopeful note. The financial outlay in real terms on the central plan in the 1985-90 plan will not be short of the envisaged. Industrial production will increase at a rate of eight-nine per cent.

The nature, content, style and methodology of planning has to undergo a sea-change if it is to trigger a rapid growth and be catalytic for tangible social changes.

EVENTS

VIDEO CORNER

Students hammered into shape

By Sharm Seekins

LEAN ON ME is a compelling drama based on a real-life character named Joe Clark, the controversial principal of Eastside High School, possibly the most violent, drug-infested hell-hole in the state of New Jersey. With an emphasis on mood and character more than actual incidents, Lean On Me shows Clark's return to Eastside 20 years after leaving it over a union dispute with fellow teachers. The mayor, hoping to win an upcoming election, has allowed his school superintendent (Robert Guillaume) to talk him into giving the still-troublesome Clark a chance to turn the Eastside school around. He is given less than a year to do the job, a seemingly impossible one given the violent atmosphere that abounds at the school.

Clark's first official act is to expel 300 students who are deemed to be incorrigible and beyond redemption, and then keep them out by chaining all but one of the doors shut. He informs his quaking staff that he is the "HNIC" (head nigger in charge), then, brandishing a baseball bat and a bullhorn, through sheer force of character he whips his apathetic faculty into shape and they in turn spark new life into their students. Then in an overly dramatic finale, their vastly improved grades are revealed just as Clark is about to be fired from his post because of his inflammatory techniques.

Morgan Freeman is simply superb as Clark, he plays the arrogant, single-minded man who can't bear to see other teachers making progress with students if they don't employ methods approved by him to perfection. He shows his way through the film and out of sheer pettiness, forces good qualified instructors to quit the school, just as he has the drug dealers and hoodlums. Only when he is thrown into jail for padlocking the school doors does he realise that his methods are too severe, and that he must share credit for the school's resurgence with the rest of the teachers.

Pathetic

Return From the River Kwai is a rather pathetic sequel to David Lean's 1957 masterpiece (not available here). The script — full of lines like "you slant-eyed nip" — purports to continue the story of those brave British and Aussie POWs who worked and died on the Burma railway. With the war drawing to a close, the Japanese authorities decided to transport home the able-bodied prisoners. But they reckoned without the likes of jungle guerrilla (a rather over-the-top one at that) Denholm Elliott, poetry-spouting camp doctor Edward Fox (so stiff-upper lip you can barely



Morgan Freeman telling a student in 'Lean On Me'.

make out what he's saying) and crashed US pilot Christopher Penn.

The question is will they be rescued or not? Thoughtful films like Empire of the Sun and Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence have proved that there is mileage in the subject, but in 1989 to fill the screens with overweight actors playing World War II games is at best naive and at worst offensive.

We Are Seven is an amusing British dramatic comedy series. In the 18 years since Bridget Morgan returned from London with a baby daughter, father unknown, the quiet Welsh village of Llandawel has been rocked at regular intervals by the scandal of six more births conceived without the benefit of marriage but with active co-operation of various local men. The fathers of most of the children is known to all and sundry. But, Peter, the last born is still the subject of speculation. This fact, together with the birth of a second set of twins to Mrs Price, the baker's wife, whose husband is also the father of the Morgan twins, persuades the 'respectable' woman of the village that enough is enough.

The above movies are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Naut, Salsiya, tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Tel: 5624372.



A scene from Return from the River Kwai.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Mahlan Ayoha Al Omr: daily Arabic serial (Part 10)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
- 11.15 Naseeb: local daily serial (Part 6)
- 12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.10 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: variety programme with guest star Mari Monceb
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Al Mahrath Wa Elbour: daily Arabic serial (Part 9)
- 3.15 Mawaqif Wa Khotab: religious programme
- 3.30 Billiers: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Al Mostanad Al Akheer: Arabic feature, starring Hassan Abdeen, Ahmad Bodair, Wadad Hamdi
- 6.00 Variety
- 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements
- 7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: historical serial, starring Rashed Alama, Neda Al Sabeg and Mohammed Ibrahim
- 8.00 Nadwat Al Osboo: local programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Motasalliqoon: daily Arabic serial (Part 10)
- 10.30 Hadha Howa Al Hob: Arabic feature film, starring Lubna Abdul Aziz, Yahya Shabane and Mari Monceb
- 12.15 News Summary
- 12.20 The World Today via Satellite



Corbin Bernsen plays divorcee Arnie Becker in 'L.A. Law' on KTV 2 today

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series
- 6.30 Captain Power: "New Order." Part two. Captain Power encounters Dread and his men, who want to bring a new order to earth.
- 7.00 Gone Fishing: "Game Fish." A look at popular recreational sport.
- 7.30 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter: "There's No Place Like Omsk." Svetlana, a Soviet woman living in the US, is threatened by a group of KGB men.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 "A Different World: Theo." Theo pays a visit to his sister, Dennis. Starring: Lisa Bonet.
- 9.10 Horizon: "Mathematical..."
- 10.00 Hooperman: "Requiem for an S.O.B." Hooperman's colleague is killed in a shootout.
- 10.30 L.A. Law: "To Live and Die in L.A." Owen feels guilty when one of her clients faces a death sentence.
- 12.00 News Summary; Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Indian embassy
AUGUST 15: A flag-hoisting ceremony on the occasion of the Independence Day of India will be held in the chancery premises of the Embassy of India at 34 Istiglal Street at 8.30 am. All Indians are cordially invited to attend. On account of Independence Day the embassy will remain closed on Aug 15, 1989.

Indian Arts Circle
AUGUST 17: To celebrate India's Independence Day all Indians are invited to a variety programme starting at 7.00 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Funtaines.

Indonesian embassy
AUGUST 17: On the occasion of the 44th anniversary of the proclamation of Independence of Indonesia, a flag-hoisting ceremony will be held at the Indonesian embassy in Kuwait, Nuzha, Block 3, Main Street, Villa No 32, on Thursday, at 8.00. Members of the Indonesian community are cordially invited.

Independents ball
AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Kapilku contest
AUGUST 25: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines. Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jojo

Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Fit for life
LADIES' Keep Fit classes at La Palma Fitness Centre at the Kuwait International on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Free use of the pool after each session plus free use of the sauna on Tuesdays. Also judo, karate and taekwondo classes. Individual coaching for tennis and swimming available. Garden poolside barbeque every Friday afternoon. Recreation facilities include bowling, snooker and health club with sauna, steam bath and plunge pool. Telephone Paul or Vivienne at: 253000/8050.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Breeze '89
OCT 26: Timm Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmairo or Mario on Tel. No. 2441863/67 after 3.30 pm.

Fiesta Filipiniana
UNDER the auspices of the Philippine embassy here in Kuwait, the Filipino Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungan, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue — where else, but at the spacious elegantly-lit Al Jahra Ballroom of the Meridian Hotel. Play date is set on Friday Sept 8, 1989, 4 to 7 pm.

Participants are kindly requested to submit their Civil ID card photocopies to Tofis Matig-A, the club's director on social and cultural affairs. Rehearsals commence on Friday, Aug 11, 1989. There will be a general meeting also for all his working committee on this said date.

For more particulars contact: Marie - 4317256, Tofis - 2417766. For ticket reservations, contact: Florence - 2436121 or 2439451.

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramadha

Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tel: 2413884/2434776/562914-1/4310913 after 5 pm.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Flaskik's contest
FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flaskik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridian Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flaskik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5634509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Malon Tadana: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flaskik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
At the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

Al Andalus: Thursday. Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

Family brunch: Friday, a wholesome day for the children. Bring along your kid and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters and magic by the great magician. Prizes and surprises await each kid. Price — KD5.000 for adults, and half per kid.

at KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 per child.

At the Hotel Pullman
At the Elysees Restaurant: Everyday, authentic French cuisine at the Pullman Hotel, Kuwait.

At the Salalah coffee shop: International and Arabic cuisine with live music nightly.

At the Kuwait International
LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Falilak: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon. La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the SAS hotel
ALGHAZEER: SAS hotel's very own handcrafted show. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

SOCIAL

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club
PRE-SEASON training every Sunday and Tuesday starting at new time of 7:00 pm at the university ground, corner of Airport Road and 2nd Ring Road. Everybody welcome, old or new players and anyone interested in keeping fit. For further details contact Steve Hutchinson on 3721540 res. or 3260177 ext 5072 work.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Shaab Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem Street
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabeer Street, near the Universal Hotel

Hawalli and Nugra
Al Hadeetha Pharmacy
Nugra, Ibn Khaldoun Street, Al Othman Complex

Salmiya and Rumaitiya
Al Maidan Pharmacy
Baghdad Street, Meshari Al Khaled Building

Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Abu Halifa Pharmacy
The Coastal Road, opp. to Abu Halifa Secondary School

Farwaniya
Al Munawer Pharmacy
The South Market Street, Property of Abbas Munawer

Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
The Fourth Area, Plot 48, Bader Al Somait Company

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Red Scorpion

Al Hamra
Arabic film

Al Salmiya
Revenge of the Nerds

Drive-In
Arabic film

Al Firdous
Joani Dushman (Hindi)
Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Reena Roy

Fahsheel Open-Air
Bombay Ka Maharaja

Al Fahsheel
Arabic film

Al Jahra
Agni Amar Sansar

Granada
Puravrutnam

Al Sulaibikhat
Arthur 2 on the Rock

Al Jleeb
Monor Motto Boi

Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.51 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.28 pm
Maghreb	6.28
Isha	7.51

Schwantz wins epic battle

KEVIN Schwantz won his fourth Grand Prix of the season in typical style, leading from the front.

"It wasn't that hard really. I thought I should be able to win and I just ran at a comfortable pace. I enjoyed it. Niall rode well. I was glad to see him up there and I enjoyed riding with him. I didn't have any problems, the bike was great.

The way it turned made life easy. The Michelin tyres and the AP Lockheed brakes worked perfectly all through the race.

"In the last session we just used the tyres I had tried in the morning. We didn't put anything new on, we were just making sure that we had the right set up for the race not trying for a quick time."

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PAKISTAN

Its formation and founder

Pakistan was established on August 14, 1947. Pakistan's founder is Mohammed Ali Jinnah. All Pakistanis call him "Quaid-e-Azam" which means "The Great Leader".

Before Pakistan came into being, India was ruled by the British government. The Hindus were a majority and therefore the Muslims realised that if they wished to uphold their Islamic views, values and ideology, they would have to establish their own country.

On March 23, 1940 during an annual meeting held in Lahore, Muslims decided to have their own country. Menar-e-Pakistan has been constructed there in memory of this resolution.

Its flag

Every independent country has its own national flag. The shape of Pakistan's flag, like most flags, is rectangular. The green and white colours of the flag are symbolic.

The white colour being a fourth, represents the minorities and the green represents the majority, the Muslims.

On the green part there is a crescent and a star. The crescent means progress... as the earth's crescent grows to a full moon, so will Pakistan prosper and grow to be a great country. The star means light and its five corners depict the five basic principles of Islam.

Its bordering neighbours

Pakistan is bordered by four countries — China, India, Afghanistan and Iran.

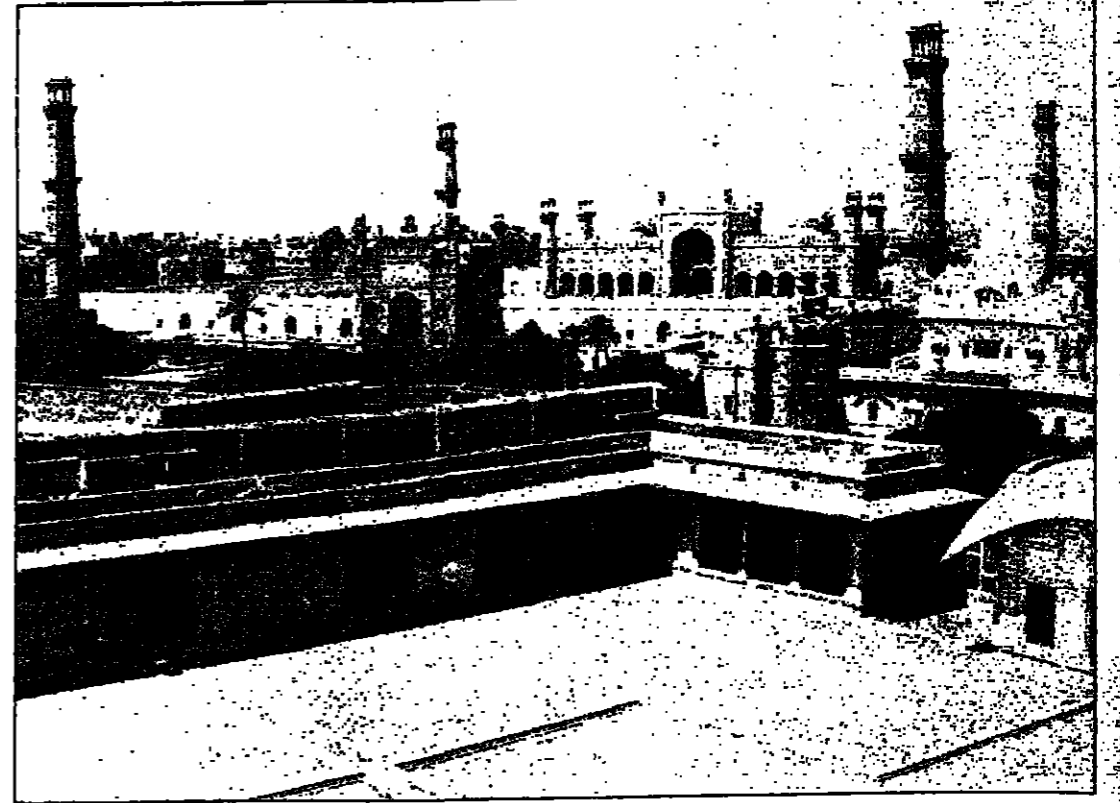
China is to the North, India to the East, Iran and Afghanistan are to the West. The Arabian Sea is to the South.

Crops and natural resources

Pakistan is basically an agricultural country. About seventy per cent of its population live in villages and are engaged in farming.

Wheat is the main crop grown in Pakistan and also the main food of the people. Cotton and rice are grown on a large scale and exported to other countries. Other crops grown in Pakistan include sugar-cane, vegetable and fruit.

Of the fruit, mango is the most famous. Peaches, oranges, grapes, melons, apples and plums are only some of the other fruit grown in the rich soil of the country.

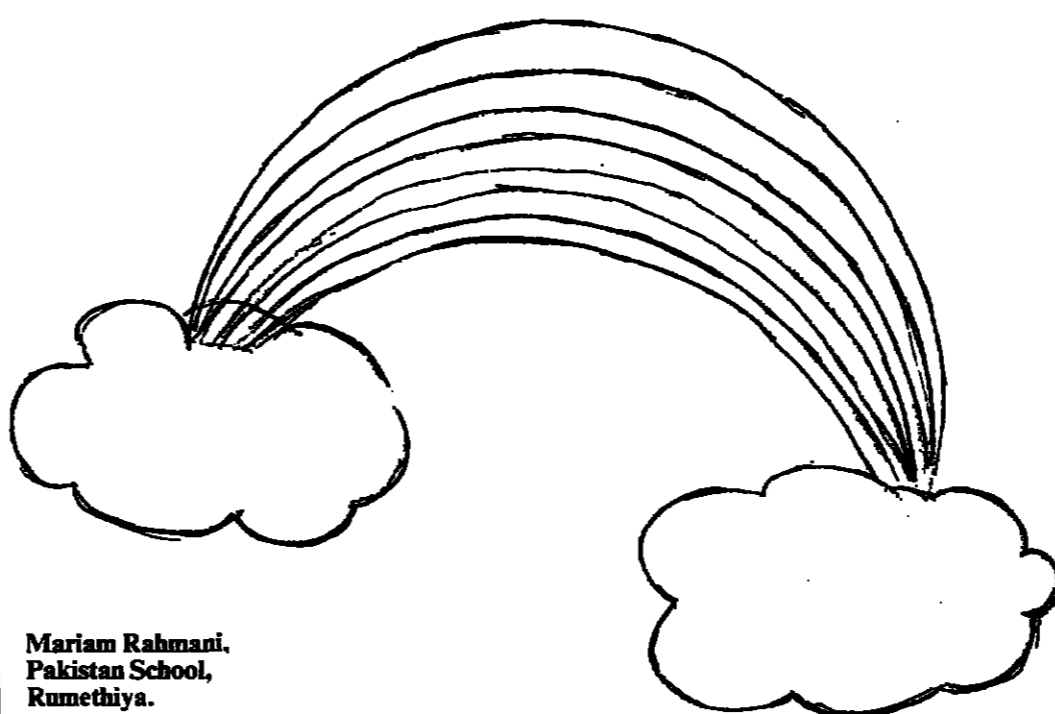


A view of Badshahi Mosque, Lahore.

Pakistan's forests provide the country with many things like wood used in fuel, for building homes and making furniture. Emeralds, marble, onyx, coal, salt, iron, lead, lime, gypsum, chrome and sulphur are also found in the country.

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Rainbow



Happy birthday



Zuhaib Zaidi celebrated his birthday on August 6. Belated greetings from mum, dad and brothers, Waqqas, Ahsan and Rameez. Zuhaib will be starting school next year.



Mehul Patel of the Indian School, celebrated his 9th birthday on August 12. Mehul enjoys playing Atari and swimming. Belated greetings from family and friends.



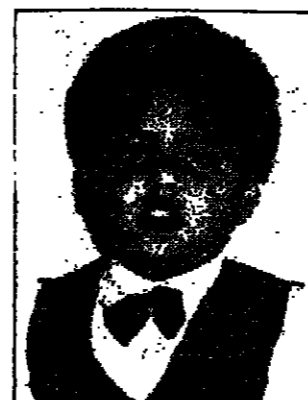
Hanan Ajmal celebrated his 4th birthday on August 14. Belated greetings from family and friends. Hanan goes to the International School of Pakistan and enjoys painting.



Karan Rehail Singh celebrates her 3rd birthday today August 15. Happy birthday love mum, dad and Muni. Karan loves to play with toy cars.



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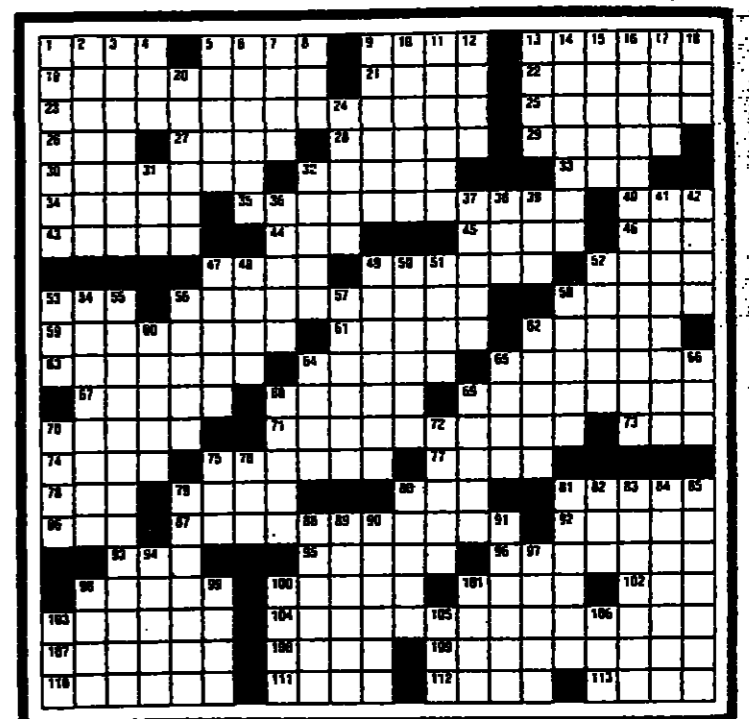
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When the weather is really hot outside and all of you are stuck in your air conditioned bedrooms, why not sort out all of your old things and get rid of anything you don't want?

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Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Assam people
- 5 School groups
- 9 Speed word
- 13 Chubby grandchild at times?
- 19 Out of one's mind
- 21 Gov. org.
- 22 Threatening words
- 23 Where A.A. met his sweet-heart?
- 25 Hee-hawed
- 26 Constantine's birthplace
- 27 Two
- 28 Brings up
- 29 Bedouin's stopping place
- 30 Pollen holders
- 32 Wine
- 33 Urge
- 34 Perfect
- 35 Edward Everett's revolution?
- 40 Some MDs
- 43 County in Neb.
- 44 Bouncer
- 45 Mouthward
- 46 Actor Gulerger
- 47 Be patient
- 49 Be quick
- 52 Audibly
- 53 Pt. or lb.
- 56 Oscar and Joyce Carol's
- 57 Resident's
- 58 Grip
- 59 Reduces to secular status
- 61 Doll
- 62 Respiratory malady
- 63 Attains fame
- 64 "Oliver Twist" name
- 65 Flatfishes
- 67 Snow White's dwarfs
- 68 Finch
- 69 Pretend
- 70 Guys
- 71 Thomas raises a false alarm?
- 73 Hwy.
- 74 Pit-
- 75 Touch tenderly
- 76 Flash paddle
- 78 Swiss river
- 80 vast expanse
- 81 Titles of respect
- 86 Small boy
- 87 What Sir Rich-ard saw in Pittsburgh?
- 88 Because
- 89 A Hemingway
- 90 N. Eng. person
- 91 Island, NY
- 94 Foolish things
- 97 Dead embers
- 98 Nobel chemist
- 99 Method: abbr.
- 100 Jap. box
- 103 Heat meas.
- 105 No. and bulb
- 106 Ship of old

DOWN

- 2 Johnny — (Jane Wyman movie)
- 3 Elderly person
- 4 Edge
- 5 Hair
- 6 Chic
- 7 Actor Mischa
- 8 Draft letters
- 9 Actress Rita
- 10 "Against —"
- 11 Magna —
- 12 Overacting actors
- 13 Gray wall
- 14 Decked out
- 15 " — porridge"
- 16 Author from outer space?
- 17 Employ
- 18 Guided
- 20 In a mature way
- 24 Attempted
- 25 Gen. Arnold
- 32 Dish
- 36 Sour substances
- 37 False
- 38 Lode find
- 39 Beach
- 41 Least syllable-like
- 42 Casspool
- 43 Become shrunken
- 46 Pub pints
- 48 Taxi drivers
- 50 Gr. tourist mecca
- 51 Study groups: abbr.
- 54 Kangaroos' pouches
- 56 Conrad is tucked out?
- 57 "The Merry — of Windsor"
- 58 Musical signs
- 64 Least syllable-like
- 65 Soccer great
- 66 Comp. pt.
- 68 Rock debris
- 69 Relating to a downy
- 70 Foolish
- 72 Use skillfully
- 75 Tabby
- 76 Exist
- 79 Oregon seaport

Amazing facts

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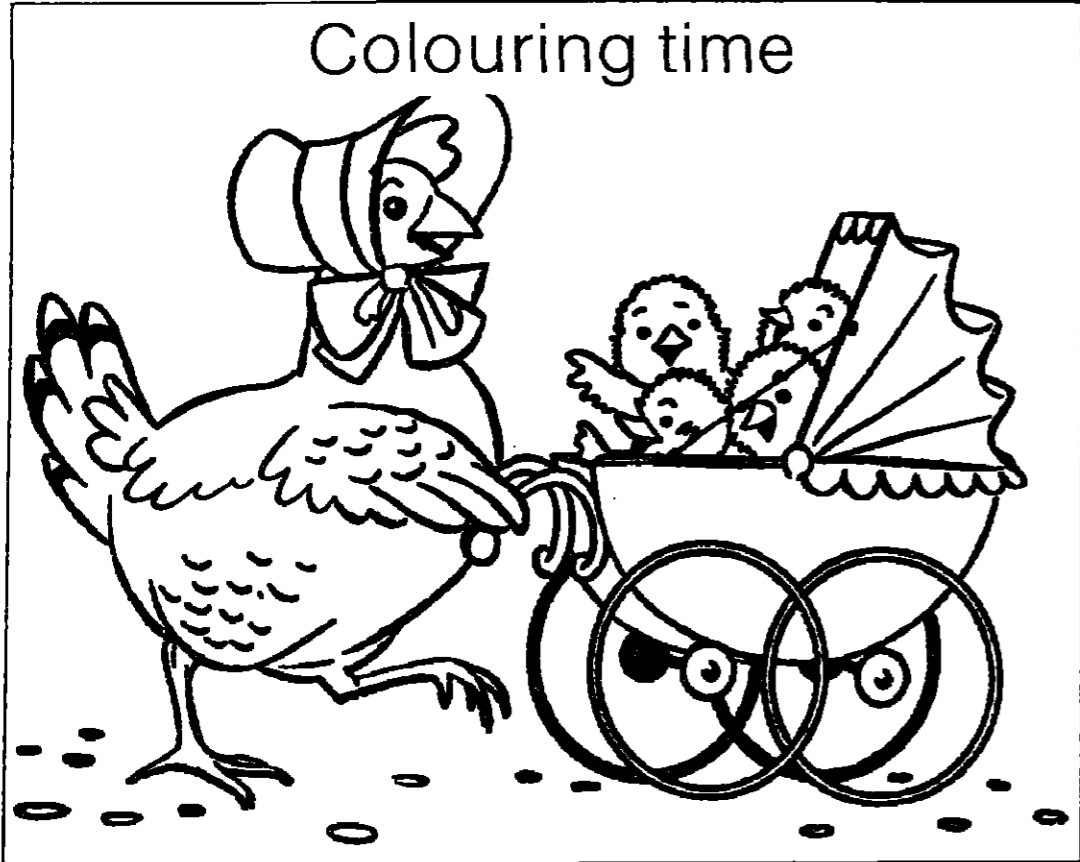
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In memory of the epic struggle for freedom



R. Venkataraman, President of India

ON this auspicious forty second anniversary of our Independence I have great pleasure in extending to all fellow citizens residing in India or abroad, my heartiest greetings and good wishes. To our devoted Kisan and Mazdoor brethren who are the backbone of the country and to the valiant members of our Defence Forces who are the guardians of our freedom and frontiers, I would like to add a special word of felicitation.

Even as the nation celebrates this anniversary, our thoughts turn to the devastating floods in several parts of the country which have caused immense loss of life and property in recent months. The nation's sympathies go to all those affected families.

Each anniversary of our independence reminds us of the epic struggle for freedom that was waged for well-nigh a century. Brave sons and daughters of India faced persecution, repression and even death with no desire other than winning freedom of the country. They regarded no price and no sacrifice, not even of their very lives, as too great for Swaraj. In that great flashpoint in our history, the first war of independence that was fought in 1857, countless Indians including the legendary Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi, fell smilingly before the might of British arms. Undaunted, the people of India, irrespective of regional, linguistic or religious denominations, continued to fight the foreign yoke as one man. We are reminded today of Veerapandiya Kattasomman in the south, Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Chandrashekhar

Azad in the north; Vasudev Balwant Phadke and Tilak Maharaj in the west; Maniram Datta, Gopabandhu Das and Aurobindo Ghose in the East, to name a few of the pioneers, who cheerfully plunged their lives into the fire of struggle. Our thoughts also turn to Netaji Subhas Bose and his ringing call 'Dilli Chalo'.

Above all we are reminded today of that revolutionary among saints, Mahatma Gandhi of sacred memory. Softer than the cotton he spun in his compassion, but harder than steel in his resolve, Gandhi galvanised the entire nation into heroic action. Men became heroes at his touch and inspirations became movements, as he took the country to the dawn of freedom.

We salute, today, the entire grand tapestry of India's struggle for freedom in which the services and sacrifices of all those noble Indians are woven in beautiful strands of gold. But mere salutations are no substitute for emulation. We will be disappointing the souls of that great galaxy of freedom fighters if we were to remain content with singing the praise of their sacrifices. They would expect us to carry the struggle forward towards the goals which they had set before us, namely, the eradication of poverty and inter-communal conflicts. This latter task is a formidable one and still remains to be achieved though we have taken rapid and confident strides towards that goal.

Our foremost and most spectacular achievement has been our established record of regular, systematic and orderly elections which are the very foundations of democratic governance. There

are not many among the nations that became free after the Second World War, which like India, can claim to have a vibrant parliamentary form of government based on periodic general elections. The credit goes to the great architect of democracy Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, who with his colleagues in the Constituent Assembly took the bold and courageous step of trusting the masses of India with universal adult franchise. Critics and sceptics both in India and abroad wondered how an orderly election could be held in which 180 million illiterate persons unfamiliar with electoral processes would be called upon to vote. But the Indian masses took the entire world by surprise by the mature manner in which they exercised their franchise and chose their representatives. The massive turnout of women at the polling booths and the meticulous way they voted showed that they were nowhere behind their compatriots anywhere in the world.

In the eight general elections and innumerable other elections to state legislatures, the Indian voter has shown himself to be skilled and decisive. Given the proper environment the Indian voter knows his mind and exercises his franchise with great discrimination.

In the next few months the country will face the ninth in its series of general elections. They are our single greatest national event, straddling all regions, languages, creeds and classes, they articulate the political ethos of our people as a whole. Indeed all Indians, rural or urban, rich or poor, educated or illiterate,

become "We the People" on election day, that supreme collective entity which our constitution speaks of. As you are all aware, the voting age has been recently lowered from 21 to 18 in order to secure the active participation of youth in our democratic system. Their idealism will no doubt play an effective and responsible role in the electoral proceedings. I wish to take this opportunity to impress upon all those who will be contesting the ensuing elections to abjure acrimony and rancour and to give no quarter to violence. I would like to make a special appeal to contestants and campaigners to ensure that nothing that they say or do aggravates communal or caste feelings. They must also exhibit a respect for the rights of others and a tolerance for contrary points of view. Elections can and do arouse passions. But let those passions be converted into light, not heat. Let the elections be fought with dignity, decorum and decency.

The use of money or muscle power and totally unacceptable practices of voter-intimidation and booth-capturing offend the very foundations of our socio-political order. Political parties whether ruling or in the opposition, should a grave responsibility. In this regard, ultimately it is their campaign style which can make or mar an election. Election ethics, as I have said on earlier occasions, are not a matter of procedure alone, they are the veritable life-breath of the political system which our people have given unto themselves. And so, as the next round of elections draws near, may I express my confidence, hope and expectation that the elections will be free

and fair. Officers on election duty must discharge their responsibilities as a sacrament, no less. The electoral mechanism must continue to function, as it has in the past, with impartiality and objectivity.

The great Tamil poet Subramania Bharati sang in the twenties of this century when freedom was a dim distant goal, "We are all sovereigns of the country". NAAM ELLA RUMINNATHU MANNAR — The poetic benediction has come true. But the sovereignty of the people will become illusory unless the true will of the people is reflected in the legislatures through fair elections. Ensuring free elections must be the joint endeavour of all parties and the sacred duty of the nation. I am sure that nothing will be done by anyone to cut at the very roots of democracy.

India's enviable record in the matter of elections is matched with its record of all round socio-economic progress. The instrumentality of planned economic development bequeathed to us by that great statesman Jawaharlal Nehru, whose birth centenary we are celebrating this year, has yielded rich dividends, enabling us to meet the hostilities of 1965, and 1971 with success, withstand successive natural calamities like droughts and floods, cope with fluctuations in international trade and its protectionist trends and the steep rise in international oil prices. The chronic food shortages which bedeviled us in the fifties and sixties are now a thing of the past. Foodgrain production is expected to reach a record of about 172 million tons this year. I

would like to take this opportunity to felicitate the kisans of India whose traditional skills, hard work and readiness to innovate have contributed to this phenomenal achievement. Our public distribution system has been stabilised and we are geared to meet any crisis situation.

Our industrial infrastructure has firmed up and among developing countries, we are in the frontline in the production of basic industrial goods. The policy of economic liberalisation ushered in the early eighties has further widened in coverage and depth and anachronistic controls have been gradually removed. Our admiration and gratitude are due to the industrial labour force and to the entrepreneurs and managers who have rendered this growth possible.

In the field of science and technology we have achieved a significant breakthrough. Our achievements have been particularly notable in electronics, oceanography and defence research. It should now be our endeavour to provide a firm foundation for research-based industrial activity. Our universities should in the process, become centres of excellence and generators of new ideas. They should become engines of social transformation through application of science and technology to the needs of the masses. The nation is proud of its scientific community and looks upon it with confident expectations of higher and ever-higher achievement. The recent successful launching of "Agni" has brought vividly to life the pace

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Strengthening grass roots level democracy

Power to the people

By K.S.R. Menon

"THE state shall take steps to organise village panchayats and endow them with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as units of self-government." This, a sort of "Thou shalt" commandment, is among a set of directive principles of state policy enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Panchayati raj, in other words is grassroots democracy.

The concept is not new for India. Self-government in villages has long been recognised as essential for its development. Indeed, ancient Indian villages were semi-autonomous in which all matters of common concern were discussed and decided by a council of *panchas* (five elders) elected through consensus. With the passage of time this council, in many instances, came to be expanded to include a large number of senior members of the community.

Yet, so far since independence — despite the directive principles and barring one or two exceptions — only feeble and halting efforts have been made by the government of some states to introduce the system.

Panchayati raj was first ushered in 1959 with the formation of a three-tier structure of local self-government at the village, intermediate and district levels. The state enjoyed the freedom to make changes in the structure to suit local conditions.



Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (centre) and his wife Sonia talk with villagers in the western coastal state of Gujarat.

Elected directly by and from among the villagers, the *panchayats* were entrusted with responsibility in areas such as agriculture, rural industries, health care and provision of civic amenities. *Nyaya* (judicial) *panchayats*, or village courts, have also been functioning in some states.

The system has suffered from several weaknesses. One is that it

does not have any constitutional authority beyond a reference in the directive principles. As such, *panchayats* have had few powers to decide on development programme or in their implementation.

Again, being perennially short of funds for development works, and having no authority to raise own revenue, they have been wholly dependent on allocations

made in state budgets. Lack of control of resources has always hampered their effective functioning.

Ensure

Furthermore, there is no provision to ensure regular election to *panchayat* bodies, discretion in the matter resting with the state government. This has resulted in

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A year of remarkable achievements

"IT is with a sense of joy and pride that I greet my fellow countrymen living in Kuwait on the 42nd anniversary of India's Independence Day. Joy for the fact that when India achieved independence on August 15, 1947 from years of crippling and dehumanising colonial rule it was a culmination of a sustained national struggle led so nobly by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Pride for the fact that a vibrant, secular, democratic, self-reliant and non-aligned India has emerged as a result of the collective efforts of the toiling Indians, both at home and abroad — efforts so ably channelled to fulfil the vision of Jawaharlal Nehru, the architect

of modern India. Incidentally, this is the centenary year of the birth of this great leader. Indians all over the world are celebrating it with love and pride."

"1988-89 has been a year of achievements at home. Our economy grew by 9-10 per cent — a remarkable performance by historical standards, compared to 3.5 per cent average annual growth between 1951 and 1974 and 5.3 per cent for the period 1975-83. The country faced the worst famine of the century a year earlier. Still agriculture sector registered last year a growth of 17-20 per cent. Today we are self-sufficient in foodgrains; there have been sharp increases in production of oilseeds, cotton

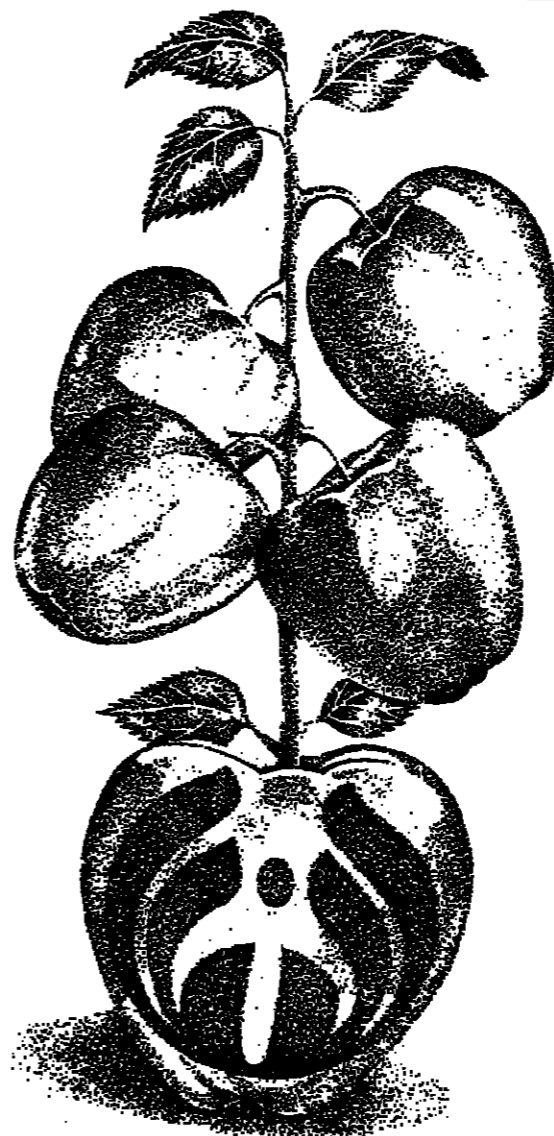
and sugar-cane. India is now the world's largest producer of tea, sugar-cane and peanuts, second largest of rice and fourth largest of wheat and cotton.

"Growth in industrial production has been 8 per cent per annum in 1980s compared to 4.7 per cent in 1970s. This is expected to go up to 12 per cent in the 1990s. In eighties some of the remarkable increases in industrial production are: crude oil by more than 200 per cent, coal by roughly 60 per cent, automobile (in number) by over 90 per cent, two-wheelers (in number) by almost 250 per cent, fertilisers by 75 per cent, man made fibre by 95

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Nehru responsible for dramatic change in ideology of movement

A unique contribution to India's liberation struggle

By Ravinder Kumar

LONG years ago we made a tryst with destiny," stated Jawaharlal Nehru in the Constituent Assembly of India on the midnight of August 14, 1947. "and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly and in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will wake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance."

"The tryst" with destiny to which Jawaharlal Nehru referred in his eve-of-independence speech was underscored by a landmark liberation movement in the 20th century human history. How was Nehru drawn into this movement? Did his participation in the struggle for freedom transform his outlook? And if so, how did Nehru in turn influence the ideological character of the struggle India waged against the greatest imperial power known to history? These are some of the questions we can legitimately ask ourselves as we reflect upon Nehru's contribution to India's liberation and her subsequent development as a sovereign polity.

Mahatma

Even as a young scholar at Harrow and Cambridge, Jawaharlal Nehru pursued the course of political events in India with deep interest. His sympathies at this juncture were wholly with the more militant leaders of the freedom struggle, to the extent that on one occasion he differed sharply from his father, Motilal Nehru, on the desirable course of events in India. However, when Jawaharlal Nehru returned to India and took up legal practice at Allahabad in 1913, he was disappointed at the tame and toothless character of nationalist politics and the moderation of the Indian leadership.

In the years following World War I, however, the appearance



Nehru with the Mahatma

of Mahatma Gandhi dramatically altered the situation within India. Gandhi, in the course of providing leadership to the Indian communities in South Africa, had evolved a novel technique of political action which rested on non-violence and Satyagraha. In 1919 he offered Satyagraha as a means whereby Indians could fight British imperialism and win for themselves liberation from alien rule. The opportunity was provided by the Rowlatt Act, which denied to the people of India those rights of person and property which constitute the bedrock of civilized governance. The Mahatma called upon his countrymen to protest against this immoral Act through the weapon of Satyagraha. Jawa-

harlal Nehru was greatly inspired by Gandhi's call for a non-violent assault upon British imperialism. "When I first read about... Gandhi's proposals in the newspapers, my reaction was one of tremendous relief," stated Jawaharlal Nehru in his *Autobiography*. "Here at last was a way out of the tangle, a method of action which was straight and open and possibly effective."

Through his participation in the non-violent movements which Mahatma Gandhi led against the British Government in 1919 and in 1920-22, Jawaharlal Nehru represented an entire generation of youth which was drawn by the Mahatma in the struggle for liberation. This struggle, as is well-known, grew into a grand alliance of diverse

communities and classes in India: Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs, as well as the rich, the middle class and the poor, in the cities and in the villages. For Jawaharlal, participation in non-co-operation was a profound experience. He was drawn into the agrarian agitations which erupted in the rural districts surrounding Allahabad and this involvement established a crucial link between the young nationalist and the rural folk. As Jawaharlal observed: "I went there (to the countryside around Allahabad) with some colleagues and we spent three days in the villages far from the railway and even the Pacca road. That visit was a revelation to me. We found the whole countryside afire with enthusiasm and full of strange

excitement.... (As we moved from village to village) the people would come streaming out or even running as fast as they could. They were in miserable rags, men and women, but their faces were full of excitement and their eyes glistened and seemed to expect strange happenings which would, as if by a miracle, put an end to their long misery.... A new picture of India seemed to arise before me."

When the Mahatma suspended the non-co-operation movement in the spring of 1922, Jawaharlal was sorely disappointed at his decision to call off a countrywide movement at stage when it had gathered so much momentum. Be that as it may, Jawaharlal spent the next few years of his life reading extensively on socialist literature in order to expand his intellectual horizons and to gain a new understanding of the nationalist movement in India. What he learnt from his sojourn in socialist theory was reinforced by his interaction with nationalist and socialist leaders from different parts of the globe, who had assembled in 1926 at Brussels, to attend a meeting of the International Congress Against Colonial Oppression and Imperialism.

Socialism

Well before Jawaharlal Nehru turned to socialism, he had entertained some doubts about what the Mahatma had to offer to those whom he had drawn into the anti-imperialist struggle. However, it was only through his interaction with the international socialist movement that Jawaharlal could offer to the people of India, more particularly to the youthful intelligentsia, a radically new perspective of the ideological basis of the Congress and nationalist politics. The national movement in India, Jawaharlal now realised, could only be appreciated in its full implications when it was placed in a global context. This movement was an integral part of the struggle of the oppressed peoples of Asia and Africa for liberation from imperial bondage.

Moreover, so Jawaharlal argued, the nationalist struggle could not be viewed purely as a political struggle. It was equally a social and economic struggle of the peasants and the workers within the country against their exploiters, Indian or foreign. In other words, by the late twenties Jawaharlal had reached two fundamental conclusions: first, that interests of Indians within India which were as deeply involved in the exploitation of the poor as were the British ruling classes; and secondly, that the national movement had to reach out as much to the transformation of the political order as it had to reach out to a reorganisation of the social and economic order. Indeed, these two facets of the struggle were inseparably linked to each other.

Jawaharlal put forth his socialist perspective of the national movement before the people of India, more particularly before the intelligentsia, the working classes and the peasantry, from a number of fora. But the most eloquent expression of this radical vision was presented at the annual session of the Indian National Congress at Lahore in 1929. At the Lahore Congress, the assembled delegates adopted the objective of *Purna Swaraj* or complete independence for the people of India. Speaking from the presidential chair on the situation within the country Jawaharlal stated: "India means the peasantry and labour. And to the extent that we raise them and satisfy their wants will we succeed in our tasks and the measure of the strength of our national movement will be the measure of their adherence to it.... The Congress, it is said, must hold the balance fairly between capital and labour and zamindar and peasant. But the balance has been and it is terribly weighted on one side and to maintain the status quo is to maintain injustice and exploitation. The only way to right it is to do away with the domination of any one class over another."

Radical

The radical vision which Jawaharlal held out to the Congress, and indeed to the nation as a whole, triggered off a sharp debate between those committed to the reconstruction of India along capitalist lines, and those who subscribed to a socialist path of development, suitably designed to meet the specific historical needs of India. As a result of this debate, Jawaharlal came to occupy a position among the nationalist leaders second only to that of the Mahatma. More importantly, he initiated within the Congress moves which resul-



Nehru and daughter Indira

ted in the creation of a Planning Committee and a Foreign Department, the bodies which prepared blueprints for the economic development and the foreign policy of India after it had been liberated from British rule.

As a result of the intellectual leadership provided by Jawaharlal Nehru, the ideological orientation of the nationalist movement changed dramatically by the 1930s. Nehru held out before the people the concept of a modern industrial society, democratic in structure, socialist

in content and secular in its ethos; and this vision of the "good society" not only influenced the generation which attained maturity in the 1930s; but it also paved the way for state policy, public entrepreneurship and private endeavour in the decades after 1947.

Thus Nehru exercised a profound influence upon the course of the freedom struggle within India. Although he had joined nationalist politics as a young man under the influence of the Mahatma, he soon transcended the ideology of Saty-

agraha and presented before the people a vision of social reconstruction which was liberal and socialist in equal proportions; and which became, in the 1950s, the principal impetus behind the modernisation of India. Small wonder, then, that scholars who have reflected upon the career of Jawaharlal Nehru not only look upon him as a nationalist leader of outstanding stature, but also regard him as the founder of a modern industrial society, resting upon the twin pillars of popular democracy and humane secularism.

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Reaching out to every village

by Jaishree Balasubramanian

DECADES after achieving independence, Third World countries are still struggling to rid of the legacy of stark poverty left behind by their colonial masters. India is no exception. Two centuries of colonial rule had reduced once prosperous people to a miserable existence. The country is making very effort to come out of the morass, but recovery is not easy, the problem having been compounded by a high rate of growth of population, still uncontrolled, and a government's ceaseless efforts to restrict it.

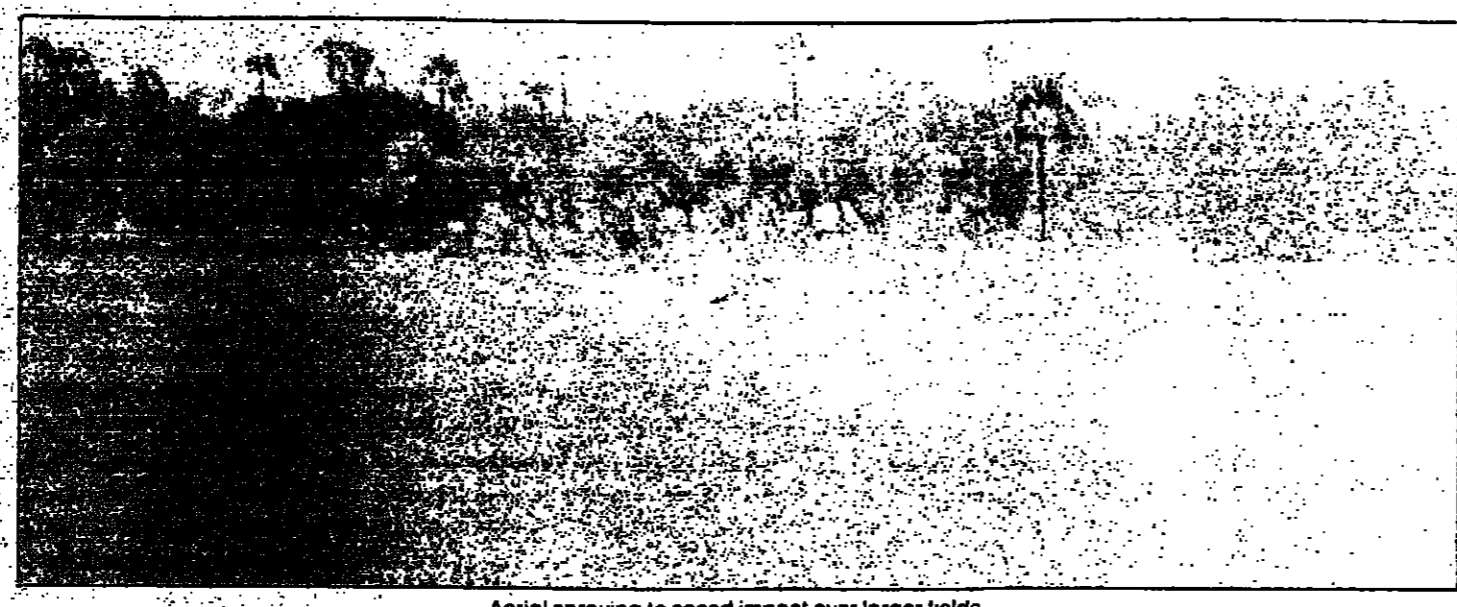
The main problem in this regard relates to the masses in rural India, who comprise 60 per cent of the country's population. Since independence, there has been a vast growth of industries in India, but the benefits of this industrialisation have been reaped by and large by the urban population. Similarly, the fruits of the "green" revolution, dating from the late sixties, which saw a large scale improvement in agricultural productivity and production, were gathered by the affluent farmers. They did not reach the small and marginal farmers and the landless labourers, who form the bulk of the rural population. The great changes that were taking place in the agricultural scene had completely bypassed them. Moreover, with agriculture becoming capital intensive, the rural economy came under regressive influences.

The magnitude of the problem may be judged from the fact that 44 million families, constituting 45 per cent of the population of rural India, live below the poverty line.

Poverty is associated with unemployment and underemployment. In fact they are the root cause of poverty. What the rural poor suffer from is chronic unemployment resulting in low productivity and low wages. Eradication of poverty thus implies provision of gainful employment to those of whom it is the basic need.

Removal of poverty has been one of the key objectives of India's successive five-year plans and several programmes were drawn up to achieve it. These included the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), formulated within the framework of the Sixth Five-Year Plan (1980-85) as twin instruments of the strategy of direct attack on poverty. Another project, the Rural Landless Employment Programme (RLEGP), was also drawn up with its accent on the landless labour.

An evaluation of NREP later showed certain shortcomings in its implementation, one of which was insufficient public involvement in it. It also came to be realised that NREP and RLEGP were basically identical schemes with separate administrations.



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In the light of experience, the government has now launched a far more massive plan which aims at reaching out to every rural family in the country. The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (employment plan), named after India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, whose dream it was to rid the country of poverty, was announced by his grandson, and present Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, early this year. It envisages provision of employment to at least one member of each of the 44 million families in rural India who live below the poverty line.

The target group under the Yojana is landless labourers, and among them a share of 30 per cent has been reserved for women. Rural population of India constitutes 80 per cent of the total population of the country. In the same proportion, the population of rural women accounts of 80 per cent of the total female population. The role of women was described by Nehru in the following words: "In order to awaken the people, it is the woman who has to be awakened. Once she is on the move, the household moves, the village moves, and the country moves."

The Government of India is to provide 80 per cent of the funds required for the Yojana, the remaining 20 per cent being the share of the respective states. The funds, allocated on the basis of the extent of poverty, would be released directly to the districts to avoid delays in their reaching the implementing agencies.

At the same time, steps are being taken to revive and strengthen Panchayati Raj (local self-government at village and district levels). So far bureaucrats have ruled the villages and districts under the supervision of the Governments of the States. Now the villagers would themselves be guiding their destinies. The Panchayati Raj institutions would act as vibrant instruments of local self-government and see democracy firmly rooted in the villages.

While NREP and RLEGP have been merged into the Jawa-

har Rozgar Yojana, IRDP, which was designed as a major weapon in the war against poverty, continues in operation. It envisages provision of tangible assets and inputs to selected families.

By way of a sub-plan to IRDP, the government some years ago launched the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), when it was found that women did not receive the benefits under IRDP. Basically an economic programme, DWCRA does not confine itself to income generating activities, but include supporting services like mother and child care, immunisation, adult education, etc.

Yet another scheme in operation is the Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM). This programme, which is also a component of IRDP, envisages equipping rural youth of the age of 18-35, belonging to poor families, with necessary skills to enable them to go in for self-employment ventures in agriculture and allied activities, industries, services and business.

The new dimensions given to rural development call for a great deal of organisational ability, skills in planning and efficiency in execution. In the programme, therefore, a high priority has been accorded to training. Seminars and workshops in various subjects organised at several institutions around the country provide refresher courses for the youths.

The Indian Government's Department of Rural Development is actively associated with the Centre of Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (IRDAP), the Afro-Asian Rural Construction Organisation (AARCO) and the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) on issues of rural development.

India has participated in the major activities of these organisations during the year and also organised seminars workshops in the country on their behalf.

Land reforms, which aim at restoring land to the tillers, has

also been a major plank in the socio-economic development in the rural areas. Over the years a number of legislative measures have been enacted covering tenancy rights, ceiling on agricultural holdings, consolidation of holdings and intermediary tenure. These measures have had a salutary impact on rural economy.

Issues are many, resources are scarce, yet every effort is being made to remove poverty and make India's villages happy places to live in. Planners are optimistic that by 1995 the level of poverty will have come down to no more than 10 per cent. (PTI)



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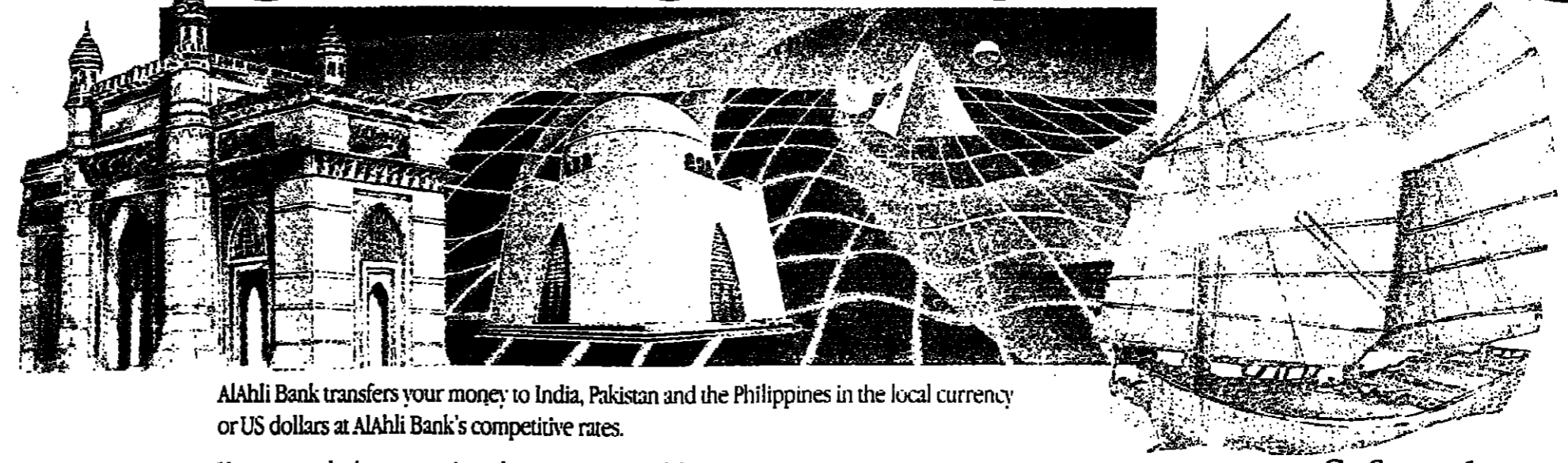
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By Hameeduddin Mahmood

RANBIR Raj Kapoor was born on 14 December 1924 in Peshawar, where his father, Prithviraj Kapoor, was a student of the Law College. The family's home town was nearby Samundari where grandpa Lala Basheeshamath, a police official, lived. Raj Kapoor was a doll of a child, with red cheeks, blue eyes and a well rounded body. Every one in the neighbourhood doted on him. The excessive affection lavished on him by all relations and neighbours had serious negative implications which could only be harmonised by the great influence of his idealist father.

Moving away from formal education, the young boy started taking interest in films. Being very handsome, he was often featured in juvenile roles in the films starring his father. The first

such occasion came in *Inquilab* (the Revolution, 1935) when Raj Kapoor was hardly 11 years old.

Raj Kapoor's formative phase began in Calcutta. He watched the NT stalwarts - P.C. Barua, Debaki Bose and Nitin Bose - direct his father and a host of other stars in films derived from Bengal's well-known literary works with literary idiom transmuted into cinematic idiom. Raj Kapoor, in the impressionable phase of his life was even more drawn to the music side of a film. He was thrilled to witness top singer-actors of the time - K.C. Dey, Kanan Bala (Phalke laureate) and Kundanlal Sahgal - rehearsing under the baton of maestros Raichand Boral and Pankaj Mullick (both of whom received Phalke award). Together with the family's traditional love for Urdu poetry, Raj Kapoor soon developed not

just a ear for music but a sensitivity towards the literary content of the songs. This was to play a pivotal role in the music of Raj Kapoor's own films years later.

At the age of 15, Raj Kapoor was torn between much dislocated formal schooling and the dramatic world of movies. He failed in his Senior Cambridge examination and was permitted to abandon further schooling and joined movies, as an understudy, first with veteran Kedar Sharma at Ranjit Film Company and later with Aarya Chakravarty at Bombay Talkies.

Prithviraj founded his Prithvi Theatre, which pioneered political stage in India in January 1944. Prithviraj roped in his entire family into his theatrical activity. Raj Kapoor, being the eldest of the three sons, had to shoulder the major burden of keeping the touring theatre

going. He also performed minor roles in his father's plays. In *Pathan* (The Pushtoon), his father featured young Raj Kapoor in his first romantic lead on stage. The handsome young man impressed moviemakers and was offered stellar roles.

Thus, Raj Kapoor appeared on the movie scene in his first adult role as Narada (a mythological character) in Bhalji Pendharkar's *Valmiki*, with father Prithviraj playing the title role of the mythological saint who is credited as the author of the great Hindu epic, *Ramayana*. The year was 1946. Next year, he appeared in a number of films in lead roles, including Gajanan Jagirdar's *Jail Yatra* (1947). Working under a methodical man like Jagirdar, Raj Kapoor was inspired to realise his latent desire to make a film of his own.

While he was still 23 and shooting for *Jail Yatra*, Raj Kapoor launched his first film, *Aag* (The Fire, 1948), with three leading ladies - Nargis, Nigar Sultana and Kamini Kaushal (who was his heroine in *Jail Yatra*). Writer Inder Raj Anand (d. 1987) belonged to his father's theatrical group. It was a story of a young man's three tragic loves. Aware of the role songs performed in the success of films when (as now), Raj Kapoor approached the Rawalpindi-born Leftist poet Shailendra to write lyrics. He had heard the poet at a *Mushaira* in Bombay, where Shailendra was a railway clerk. Shailendra refused point blank and admonished the young filmmaker for the crass commercialism of moviemakers. Yet, this very Shailendra was soon to become the soul of Raj Kapoor films. Raj Kapoor then asked the renowned Urdu poet Kausar Chandpuri to pen the lyrics and maestro Ram Ganguly to set them to music. One of the songs of *Aag* became a modest success. It was an intense film by an intense man who yet was quite raw. Chance played a crucial role in shaping the Raj Kapoor we know today.

As the first filmmaker of the



Raj Kapoor receives the Phalke award from the President just before the collapse that led to his death.

post-Independence era, Raj Kapoor belonged to a period that played a vital role in the growth and excellence of Hindustani Cinema. With India free and all shackles removed, there was a tremendous surge for doing something Mehboob launched *Andaz* (The Style, 1949) which forewarned the society of the dangers of equating modernisation with Westernisation. Ignoring the older artists who worked with him Mehboob signed Nargis (debut in 1943), Dilip Kumar (debut in 1944) and Raj Kapoor (debut in 1946) for the three principal roles in the film.

Never before in the history of Indian Cinema had a film boasted of such sophisticated techniques and such excellence of production values. Mehboob's *Andaz*, thus, became a milestone in the history of Indian cinema and a watershed in the careers of these three artists. Working under Mehboob, Raj Kapoor received, at the most opportune moment, the cinema education he needed most and could have had nowhere else.

Five influences of Mehboob mattered most to Raj Kapoor's future as actor and director. First, *Andaz*: till date remains Raj Kapoor's best histrionic achievement in a role the like of which has not been seen since a loving but jealous husband, part comic part tragic, with a smile between tears, and victim of his own suspicion and aggression. For the rest of his acting career, Raj Kapoor could never get out of the *Andaz* mould. Secondly, Raj Kapoor absorbed the great master's compositional and lighting techniques and his knack of drawing the best out of ordinary actors. The third influence was in respect of the ethos: Raj Kapoor learned from Mehboob the proletarian ethos and also the technique of communicating with illiterate masses of India in an idiom the common man could understand. Fourthly, Raj Kapoor grasped the unique publicity techniques of Mehboob, from lettering of the film's title to the designing of ads and posters. Lastly, keen-eyed Raj Kapoor (the fastest learner in Indian Cinema, having had to depend on his impulses to make up for inadequate formal education) saw that Mehboob's artistic freedom was possible because he had dedicated team and owned and controlled all the sinews of filmmaking: his own studio complex, his own recording and editing theatres etc. Seasoned by *Andaz*, Raj Kapoor was now poised for a major breakthrough.

While working on *Andaz*, Raj Kapoor launched his second film with Nargis and a new girl, Nimmi, selected by Mehboob but not signed. In this film he assembled a team around himself that later became the trade mark of most Raj Kapoor films - the memorable ones at any rate. *Barsaat* (The Rains, 1949) was a tragic love story and became a landmark in the era of the great musicals of the 1940s through mid-1960s. With *Barsaat* and later *Awara* - (The Vagabond, 1951) emerged the Raj Kapoor constellation. The elements of this constellation were: poets Shailendra and Hasrat Jaipuri, composer duo-Shanker and Jaikishen, playback singers Mukesh (Mathur) and Lata Mangeshkar, cameraman Rahdu Karmakar and audiographer Alauddin, besides Leftist journalist, writer-scenarist and avant garde filmmaker in his own right, Khwaja Ahmed Abbas.

Abbas cast Raj Kapoor through his stories and screenplays into a proletarian mould: a man wronged by an unjust social

Portraying the aspirations and

Raj Kapoor: high



Raj Kapoor and Nargis in Shree 420.

order who sighed in the midst of happiness and smiled in between his tears, who sacrificed his own happiness for the sake of others. Shailendra was a master of condensing great thoughts in simple language and in small metres. Shanker Jaikishen tuned these lyrics into songs of easy rhythms a man in the street could hum and enriched them with heavy orchestration, using western instruments. Their unparalleled

compositions in Raj Kapoor's films until 1970 created the Raj Kapoor epoch that constitutes one of the most glorious chapters in the history of Indian film music. Raj Kapoor's international fame rests on the music of this duo. Mukesh's rendering of songs fully approximated Raj Kapoor's voice, personality and carriage, so much so that he was called the singing voice of Raj Kapoor. At the apex was the star

team. Raj Kapoor and Nargis. Raj Kapoor was an extraordinarily handsome person with very fair complexion and blue eyes. Nargis in white dress, resembled an Athenian goddess sculpted in marble. Their six films together for the R.K. banner *Aag*, *Barsaat*, *Aah*, (The Sigh, 1953), *Shree 420* (A Clever Guy, 1955) and *Jagte Raho* (Keep Vigil, 1956) - represented the finest period of Raj Kapoor's filmmaking.



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mg. Their tragic love on screen and intense love in private life enchanted the Indian moviegoer and lent a mystical aura to the Raj Kapoor legend. Playing his captive heroine in 14 films (1948 through 1956) and his beloved in personal life, Nargis left Raj

Kapoor — embittered, exploited and penniless. Her exit from his life tarnished Raj Kapoor's image, even in the Soviet Union. He could no longer make the love tragedies he had with Nargis. Then came Raj Kapoor's greatest loss: death of

Shailendra on 14 Dec 1966 — the day Raj Kapoor was celebrating his 42nd birthday. After Shailendra, Raj Kapoor's films could never have lyrics of the same literary excellence that created the Raj Kapoor epoch. In 1976 playback

singer Mukesh, on a concert tour of the US, collapsed in Detroit. Raj Kapoor said: "I have lost my voice" — and never again sang on the screen. Earlier, composer Jaikishen had expired and the Shanker-Jaikishen duo was broken. Barring *Bobby* — 1973, no Raj Kapoor film after *Mera Naam Joker* could become musical sensation. On 29 May 1972, Raj Kapoor lost his father, mentor and ideal — Prithviraj Kapoor. After him died his wife and Raj Kapoor's mother — Rama. Only two years after *Mera Naam Joker*, Raj Kapoor did become in real life what he had portrayed himself as in the *Joker* a forlorn man and a tragic entertainer, abandoned in life and love and left alone with bitter memories.

Mera Naam Joker became one of the saddest box office flops in the history of Indian Cinema. Anyone else would have suffered depression and called it a day. Raj Kapoor did not and went on to make seven more films — most of them returning rich dividends. Raj Kapoor always knew how to weather a crisis.

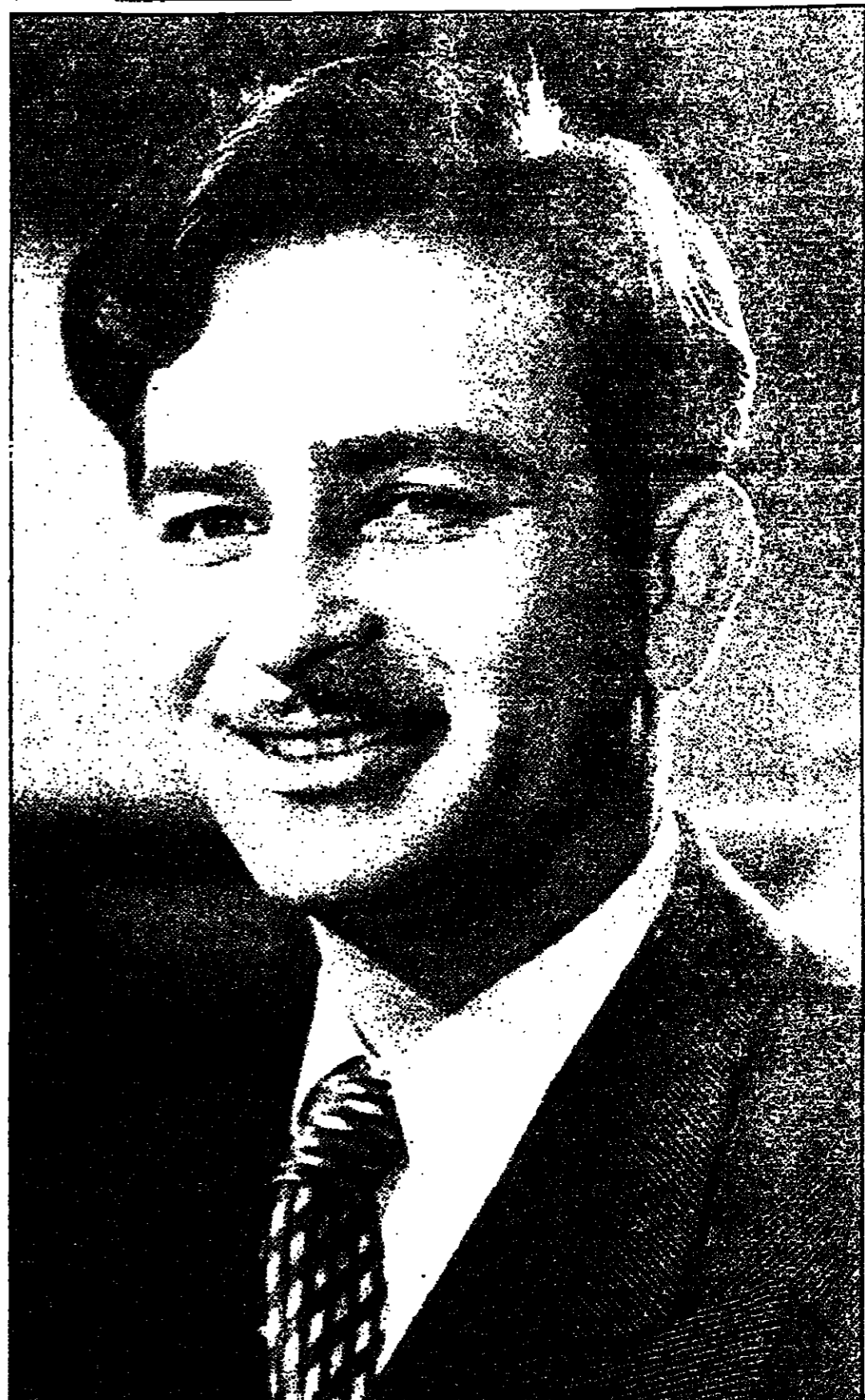
What then is Raj Kapoor's contribution to and place in Indian cinema? Does Raj Kapoor's transition in Indian cinema also, in part, reflect the transition of Indian cinema itself? Did Raj Kapoor swim with the tide or create a tide of his own?

Raj Kapoor was the first important filmmaker to emerge after India's freedom. The circumstances in which India became free are very tragic. The century's worst communal carnage and exodus affecting 20 million people on either side, accompanied the partition of India into the successor states of India and Pakistan. The British had left behind a famished country — short of food and at the mercy of nature, with droughts and floods alternating, rampant unemployment, widespread prevalence of TB, and continued communal strife.

Joker script prepared in 1961. After the worldwide success of *Sangam*, Raj Kapoor imagined his own life had the material for a larger-than life biopic. The audience rejected the film but the songs outlasted its failure to become the favourite of an entire nation. The failure of Raj Kapoor's personal cinema was due to the Indian people knowing that one man's truth cannot be the whole story.

Raj Kapoor exiled himself from his films after the *Joker* and focussed on the new generation. As a Pathan (Pushtoon), Raj Kapoor was a man of strong family loyalties. A devoted son and a dedicated father, he had watched his own sons grow up before him. He was in constant communication with them and understood them. So when he decided to make films about today's youth, Raj Kapoor featured his own sons (partly to assure them a career in cinema). *Bobby* was the first true film about the new youth. His other films that followed it were also true contemporary portraits.

By coincidence the *Bobby* to *Ram Teri Ganga Maali* chain of films and the *Aag to Mera naam* chain are chronologically united by *Kal, Aaj Aur Kal* (yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, 1971) in which he presents a transition across three generations: past, his own and his second generation (respectively played by father Prithviraj Kapoor whose last movie it was: himself as the link generation: and his son Randhir as the new generation). Raj Kapoor thus dealt always spoke in the present tense. Removing himself from the field of the camera, he brought in his sons and his films remained the images of youth. Raj Kapoor the actor apparently faded from public memory, except that of our generation, but Raj Kapoor the director maintained his communication with a new generation. Hence, he remained the focus of attention of the new generation too. This is how he held his sway across four decades.



A still from Raj Kapoor 1954 film 'Aah'.



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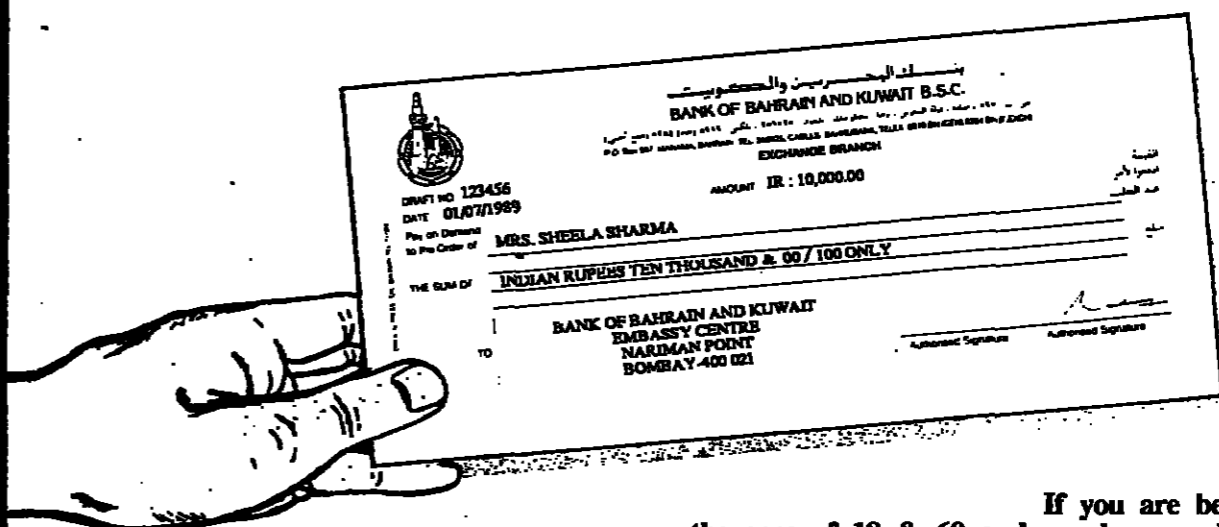
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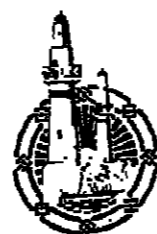
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India's achievements in Antarctica

By Nirmala George

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Antarctica covers an area of more than 14 million square kilometres, almost 90 per cent of which is covered with ice. This ice cap is up to two kilometres thick in most places. Scientists believe that about 50 million years or more ago, Antarctica was part of a gigantic supercontinent called Gondwanaland, which also comprised the Indian subcontinent, Africa, South America and Australia. Rock samples taken from Antarctica and Southern Africa and India have shown remarkable similarities and have lent credence to the belief that deep under the Antarctic ice are rich mineral deposits.

India's first expedition to Antarctica was undertaken in 1982. Though this was a comparatively short trip, it laid the beginnings of scientific research which was to follow. It set up a solar-powered unmanned weather station to study climatic fluctuations during polar winters.

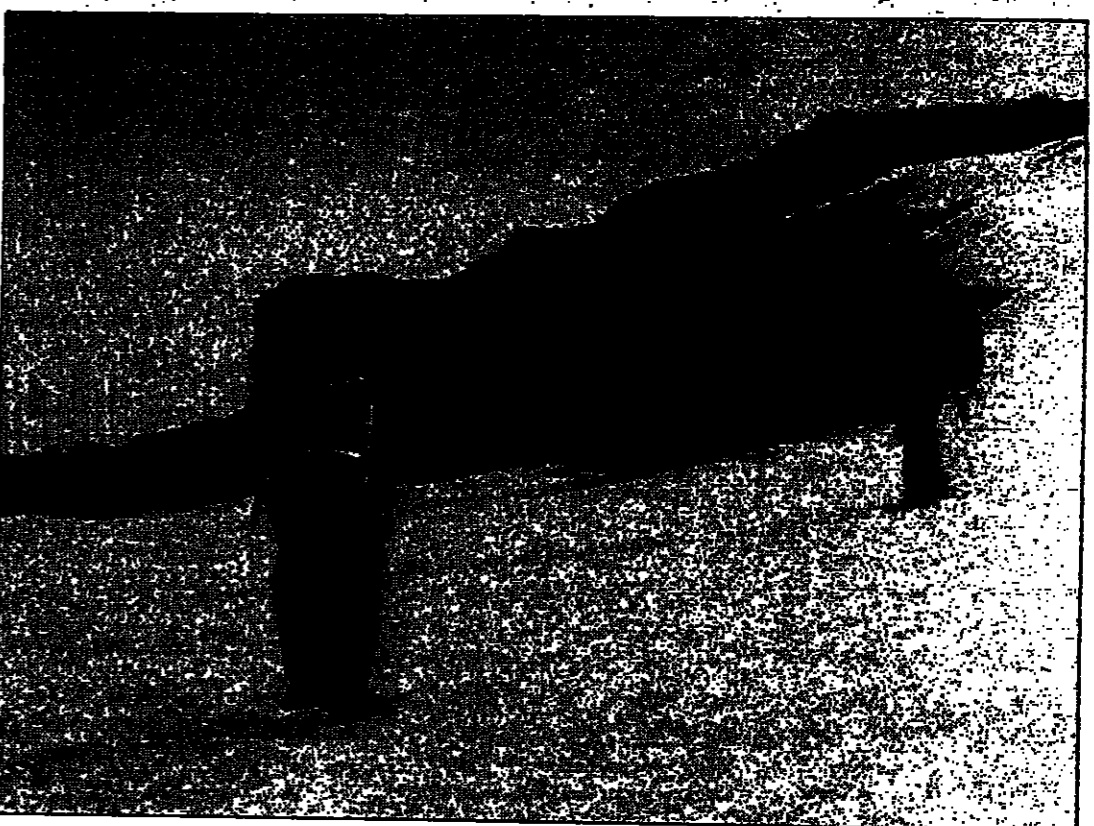
In 1984, India's third expedition set up the country's first permanently manned station, named Dakshin Gangotri. The establishment of this outpost required the infrastructure to be carried out throughout the year.

In the year that followed India has sent one expedition to Antarctica every year. The 1988 expedition set up a second permanent manned station Maitree (Friendship) located at a distance of 70 kilometres from Dakshin Gangotri. Maitree is an entirely Indian enterprise, designed and built by scientists and engineers of the Defence Development Organisation (DDO). It can accommodate 25 persons round the year. While Dakshin Gangotri was built on an ice shelf, Maitree is built on solid rock further into the interior of the continent.

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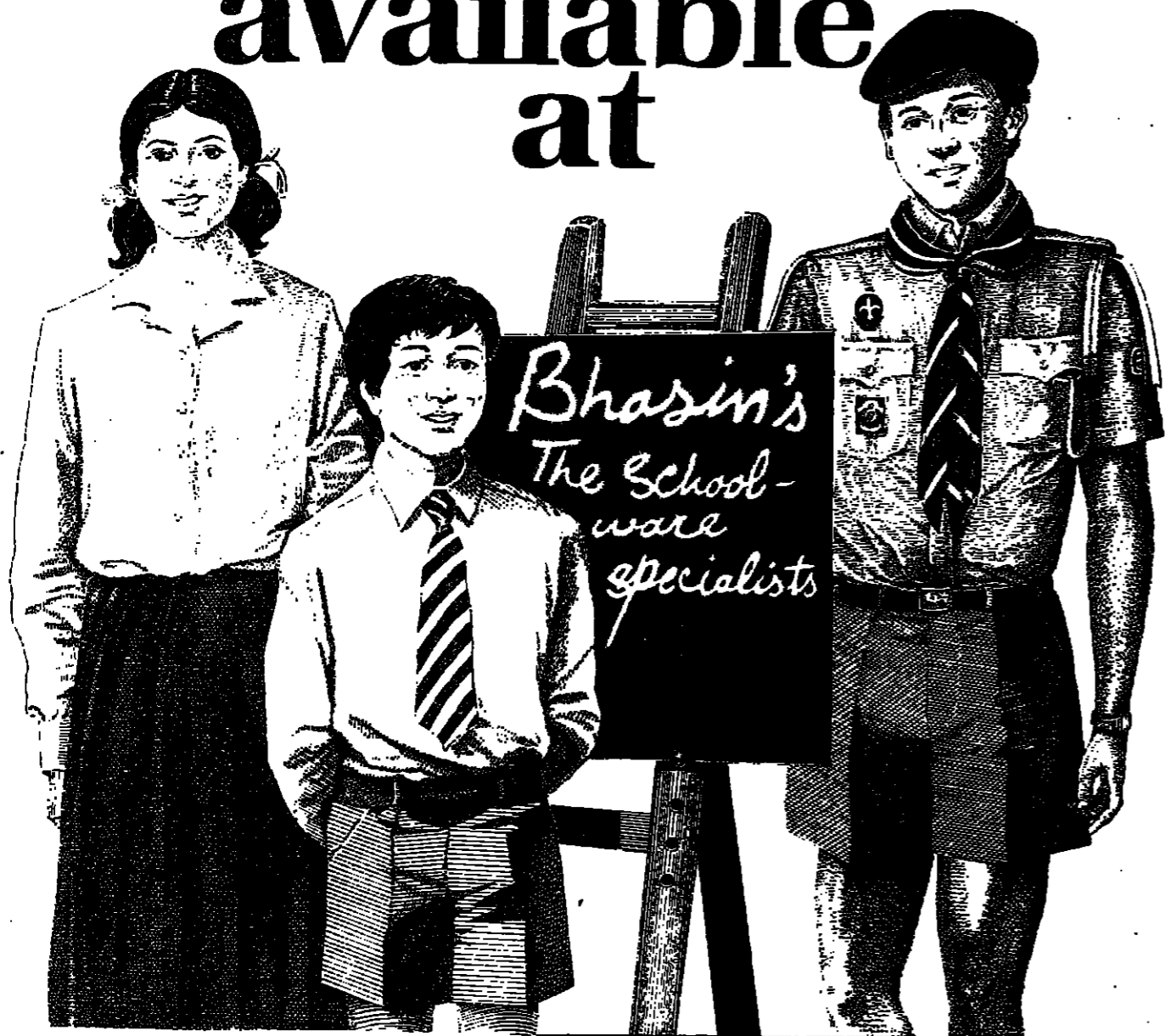


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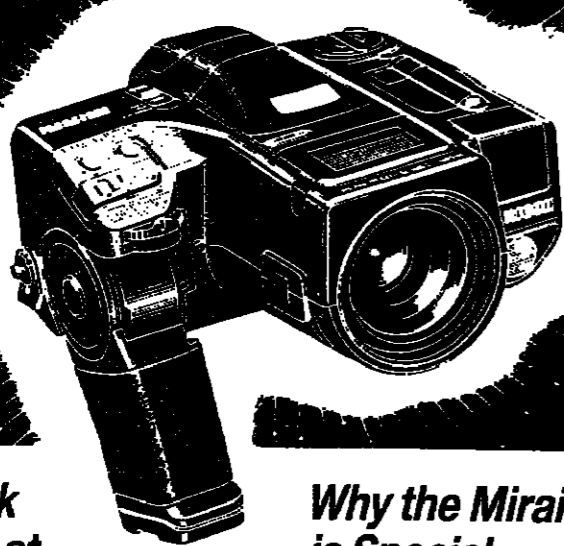

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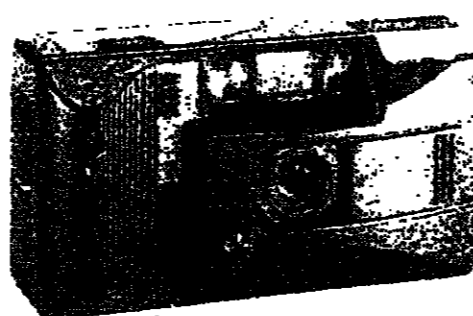
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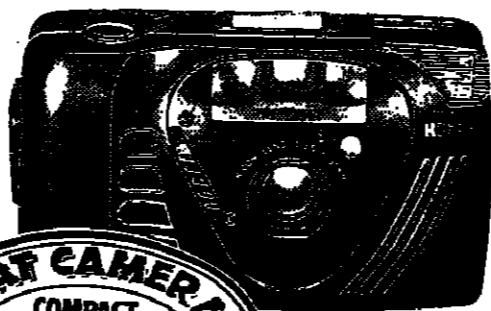
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earth sciences, marine sciences and Antarctic biology. The 92-member eighth Indian expedition, for example, included scientists from the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), the Department of Ocean Development (DOD), the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

Although 10,000 kilometres of the Indian Ocean separate the Indian subcontinent from Antarctica, the icy continent still manages to be an important factor in shaping this country's climate. Studies on Antarctica's climate are vital for understanding the formation and movement of monsoon clouds on which Indian agriculture is still so dependent. IMD programme on Antarctica, besides providing support services during the expeditions, involves the study of atmospheric phenomena and weather conditions. With the help of the permanently manned IMD observatory at Dakshin Gangotri, a continuous feedback of weather data via satellite has been available for the past six years.

Efforts Since 1986, India has joined in international efforts to study the depletion of the protective ozone layer over Antarctica. The observations, begun in 1986, have been continued by subsequent teams to the continent, to determine if the gaping hole in the ozone layer above Antarctica is a natural phenomenon or is due to manmade factors.

As part of the ongoing research on living resources, scientists have collected most of the Antarctic species of mosses, lichen, algae and several micro-organisms for studying primitive life forms.

Geophysicists from the GSI have initiated a series of studies to probe the soil and assess the mineral potential of Antarctica. Electromagnetic studies have been carried out on the ice shelf surrounding Dakshin Gangotri. Maitree's location near the

Schirmacher Oasis and the Wolthat Range has further facilitated geological mapping and mineral investigations over a wide area. India's interest in Antarctica is mainly to foster and promote scientific studies. Well before the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 was drawn up, India had called for the internationalisation of Antarctica, with all nations entitled to its resources.

The Antarctica Treaty, which came into effect in 1961 forbids all military activity, as well as nuclear experiments or the storage of fissile material on the continent.

India acceded to the Treaty in August 1983, and by September 1983 had been granted consultative status on governing the continent. Consultative status within such a short period is itself considered an international recognition of India's scientific accomplishments in Antarctica. India is also a full fledged member of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the body which co-ordinates research in Antarctica.

Criticism While there has been some criticism of the exclusiveness of the Antarctica Club, India has made its position clear. New Delhi has acceded to the treaty, but this decision is in no way contrary to the 1983 New Delhi (NAM) declaration calling for a UN study "with a view to widening international co-operation in the area". Taking a pragmatic approach, India has chosen to campaign actively within this forum for a broad-based and more equitable utilisation of Antarctica's natural resources.

Since 1981, the Antarctic Treaty consultative parties have been under increasing pressure to work out a binding and legal convention on mineral exploitation in Antarctica. With new advances in mining technology in a resource-hungry age, the day is not far when the fragile ecosystem of the continent will be threatened. While the Treaty

secured the continent from nuclear weapons and military activities, it said nothing about mineral exploitation. The 37 signatories of the original Treaty met in Wellington, New Zealand, last year and formulated a convention which seeks to set strict environmental standards and binding legislations to safeguard the continent from the pollution that would ensue if mining and drilling were to be allowed.

Several Third World countries have demanded that Antarctica be declared the common heritage of mankind. India has been vociferous at the UN and other international fora, that the riches of Antarctica be allocated for all mankind and that all nations, however small, must have a say in any future system for governing Antarctica. The continent should not become the domain of the rich industrialised world alone.

With two permanently manned stations now in operation and a third one on the cards, India's activities in Antarctica are likely to expand even further. Detailed scientific and other projects have been drawn up for the forthcoming ninth expedition which is scheduled to leave for Antarctica in November this year. Sustained planning and co-ordination efforts foresee a whole range of studies leading to a greater understanding of the global climates, and of the mineral and marine resource potential of the continent.

At the same time India, as one of the leaders of world opinion has a responsibility to see that Antarctica remains accessible to all nations. The exploration of Antarctica and the exploitation of its resources should be carried out for the benefit of all mankind in a manner consistent with the protection of the environment of Antarctica. This is no small task. Indeed, India would have to muster the necessary will to help achieve such a regime in Antarctica.

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Kodaikanal: gift of the dark forest

A peek at a jealously guarded jewel

TUCKED away among the Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu, in south India, and jealously guarded like a prized jewel by the dark forests, is Kodaikanal. In fact, the name itself means 'gift of the forest' — in Tamil. A more appropriate and evocative name could not have been imagined for this quaint, unspoiled little hill station, where the air is intoxicating, the scenery breath-takingly beautiful, and there is a serenity seldom found in other hill stations.

Cradled in the southern crest of the upper Palani Hills, in the Western Ghats, 120 kilometres from Madurai, Kodaikanal rises 2133 metres above sea level. Founded by American missionaries in 1845, Kodaikanal is steeped in history. Relics and artefacts of the Paliyans who once lived in these hills can still be seen in the Shenbagamur Museum. Even today, a few Paliyans can be seen near Kukul Cave. In the early days, there were no roads — people had to travel by bullock cart and palanquin, leaving the dangers of the forest. Slowly, Kodaikanal developed, missionaries established church properties, many of the then ruling princes built summer holiday homes, clubs were opened, schools and hotels were built, and civic amenities were introduced.

Nowadays, Kodaikanal is easily accessible by black-top well-maintained roads via Kodai Road Station, Palani, Badagudi, Dindigul, Madurai, and Coimbatore. The nearest airport is Madurai, which is well-connected and the nearest railway station is Kodai Road Station.

Greeted

Driving into Kodaikanal from Palani is a dramatic experience, reminiscent in parts of the drive up the ghat road from Kallar to Ooty. It is a relief to leave the hot, dusty plains behind and drive up into the cool hills. The vegetation changes gradually from palm-fringed paddy fields to wild brush with flaming blossoms to plantations of tea and coffee. Amaravathi Dam, a shimmering sapphire sheet of water is an unforgettable sight. Driving higher, banana trees give way to tall eucalyptus trees, and the whole countryside is dotted with wildflowers in jewelled colours, magenta and purple predominating. There is a marked pip in the air, as one reaches for one's cardigan, or shawl. At a bend in the road, one is greeted by the shimmer and roar of the Silver Cascade, a natural waterfall which seems to extend a natural welcome to visitors to Kodaikanal.

Arriving in Kodai town, one is greeted by orchards of pear trees



The mute magic of the valley.

with their graceful branches silhouetted in artistic curves against the evening sky like stark Zen etchings. Buildings with gabled roofs dot the skyline. Broken fragments of light from the setting sun are caught and kindled in the wind-rippled water appearing like a myriad lamps floating on the lake. Soon, as though on cue, lights start twinkling all over the hillside, and the stars peek up the

are a riot of light, as though beaming messages of goodwill to each other. Arriving at the Kodai Club, one had the impression of stepping back into colonial India. The lounge with its period fireplace, the piano, the Leigh Hunt prints, the library stocked with books by Evelyn Waugh, Anthony Trollope, and the bar with stuffed heads of bison, tigers, deer-horns, and a picture of the Laughing Cavalier by Franz Hals, the restaurant with old English plates, a glowing hearth-fire, and landscape prints, are all British legacies. Cumeratas and primulas add to the English

atmosphere, and again one is struck by the predominance of the lilac-purple theme. The dinner consisting of steaming mulligatawny soup, roast chicken and potatoes, and apple pie, is a further British legacy.

As one relaxes in the comfortable chamber of the Kodaikanal Club, a cheerful log-fire dances a tableau of flame and shadow on the hearth, keeping out the chill of the night.

One wakes up with an air of expectancy refreshed after a good night's sleep. The tree-fringed lake greets one in the crisp early morning. One realises that the lake is the cool heart of Kodaikanal. It is the legacy of the then Collector, Sir Vere Livinge, who formed it by damming the valley where three streams flowed. It spreads over an area of 60 acres and is skirted by a three mile tarred road. There is a Boat Club and a public ferry.

Imposing

Just across the Kodaikanal Club is the Kodaikanal School — an imposing campus of verdant manicured lawns, dignified

dows.

The names of the buildings in Kodaikanal are very evocative — 'Loch End' and 'Manasarover' — these two houses by the lake-side bridge the time-span from colonial times to the present. Hillbrook, Furzbank, Woodcote, Whispering Pines, Rock Cottage all conjure up the beauty and spirit of their natural ambience.

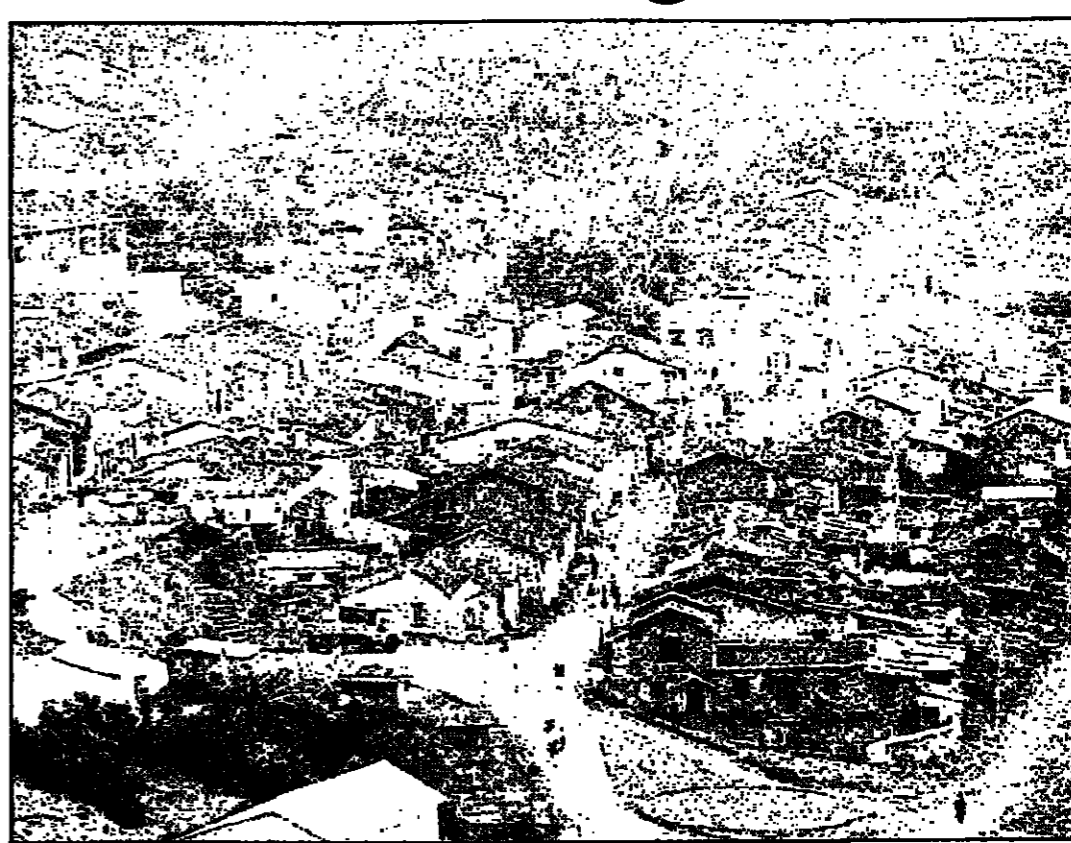
Jacaranda trees burst out in purple profusion, as though singing hosannas to the skies. Magnolia trees guard their 'escaping' fragrance, while cherry trees sweep in graceful pink arcs.

On the east side of the lake, is Bryant's Park, named after the forest officer who planned its layout around the turn of the century. Beautiful pine and eucalyptus trees grow here. There is one ancient eucalyptus tree dating back to 1846, 250 feet high and 10 feet wide. The well-laid out gardens contain many annuals and perennials like azaleas, watonias, dahlias, stock, primulas, fuschias, asters etc. Many exotic varieties of orchids are housed in the Orchid House. Walking along the lotus pond, the memory of a verse learnt in childhood and since, long-forgotten, stirred in my mind:

"Four ducks on a pond,
A grass bank beyond,
White clouds on the wing:
What a little thing
To remember for years,
To remember for years."

About a kilometre from the lake is Coaker's Walk — named after St Coaker of the Royal Engineers, offering a fantastic view of the plains and the distant hills. There is a rugged pristine beauty about these vistas, and the mist rising in veils from the valley below, gives the place an unreal quality.

Driving along the cool green darkness with the trees making a canopy overhead, one reaches Green Valley View. Gnarled cypress roots make a natural crazy path to the sheer drop of 1000 feet which overlooks the Vaigai Dam. Clouds are banked like snow and a violet haze



A typical hill station with hut-like houses.

envelopes the distant hills. Here too, the mist rises from the valley, imparting a solemn, out-of-this-world beauty to the scene. The exclusive Kodai Golf Club is very near Green Valley View.

Colonial

Past the Golf Club is the 114 acre Golf Links, another colonial legacy — an undulating green velvet carpet. Thick woods line the road leading to the Pillar Rocks. These are three vertical pillars standing shoulder to shoulder measuring 112 metres. The ground drops sheer below them, creating a dramatic impact and affording a stupendous view of the valley below. Soon mists wrap up the pillars in mystery and one wonders whether they are real, or whether they were a figment of one's imagination.

Then the sun melts the mists away and the rocks rise, solemn and majestic, dappled in sun and shadow, the effect is ethereal and awe-inspiring. The abundance of pear orchards is a striking feature of the Kodaikanal landscape. Here and there a solitary snowy blossom seems to peep out tentatively to reconnoitre the weather-conditions, and one has a hint of the profusion of pear blossoms to follow, when the branches would be heavy with their own blooms, leaving scant room for leaves. Intoxicated by the air and the lush beauty, I do not notice the car stop. "Nearby, are the Fairy Falls, madam," the driver informs me. There is a quiet serenity about this place, and I walk along the path imbibing the tranquil atmosphere. Suddenly I come across a boy playing with a dog at the clearing, against the back-drop of the sheer lacy curtain of water, so aptly named

'Fairy Falls'. There is an untouched innocence about the boy, and only when he tries to speak to me in sign language, do I understand that he is mute. There is complete harmony between the boy, the dog, and the surroundings, and I come away strangely moved.

About five and a half kilometres from the lake is the Shenbagamur Museum, maintained by the Sacred Heart College — a theological seminary founded in 1895. The stuffed-birds and the butterfly collection are remarkable. The archaeological collection is meticulously documented. One can see the implements and the burial urns of the Paliyans here. One of the best orchidariums in the country, with more than 300 species of orchids, is also located on the premises of Sacred Heart College.

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and power of our techno-industrial progress through self-reliance. But apart from the satisfaction afforded by those indices of progress, there is the even greater satisfaction of seeing tangible improvements in the quality of our people's life. Thus, for example, the death rate which stood at 27.4 per thousand in 1950 has come down to 10.9 in 1987 and life expectancy has gone up from 32 to 58 years.

Extensive programmes of poverty alleviation launched by the government, combined with renewed efforts to strengthen village-level democracy and foster employment through the

Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, bid fair to further improve the quality of life in rural India. Much has been done but more remains to be done for the removal of the curse of illiteracy among our people. The status of the weaker sections, especially our women and those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, needs continuing attention. Crimes against women are a blot on our conscience and we must spare no effort to punish the perpetrators of such crimes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my anxiety over the continuing growth of population which threatens to nullify our progress. Rising num-

In memory of epic struggle for freedom

bers have accentuated problems of urban squalor and placed heavy strains on the available food and housing facilities, and on basic civic services. Our population is projected to reach a 986 million by 2001.

The pressure of population has also led to deforestation with disastrous consequences to ecology. It has also caused discord, tensions and the outbreak of violence.

India has been a pioneer in adopting voluntary family limitation as a national policy. It

is essential that all sections of our society become alive to the urgency and imperative need for population stabilisation.

It is gratifying that outstanding socio-political disputes such as assailed Tripura and Darjeeling have been satisfactorily resolved since the last Independence Day. Acts of terrorism perpetrated in the Punjab and its environs continue to anguish us, especially since the victims are invariably innocent men, women and children. But in one major respect the terrorists have been

tasting defeat after defeat. The people of India have, by and large, refused to be provoked into hatred and violence. They have given no room to communal discord and have upheld the values of communal harmony and non-violence which our saints and statesmen have instilled in us. We must never give the slightest quarter to the cancer of communal hatred and must continue to reject the evil of violence as a barbaric practice unbecoming of any society, much more so of a civilisation

such as ours. It is, again, our tradition of Maitri and Ahimsa that has made us seek good neighbourly relations with all countries in our region. The concept of a Nuclear Free Non-Violent World which India has consistently propounded is gaining more and more acceptance in the world. Our own cultural traditions have strengthened our faith in the peaceful settlement of problems.

The message of the Buddha went from here to the world. It is here that Kabir, Nanak and, in

our times, Gandhi preached the gospel of tolerance and broad-mindedness. Those who speak narrowly in terms of community and sect, are scarce remembered even by their community and sect. Their small gains achieved, they pass into oblivion. But those who speak of unity and brotherhood — aims that are truly big — remain permanently enshrined in the pages of history.

I am reminded today of the memorable lines written by Mohammad Iqbal in his great poem "Naya Shivaalaya". One unforgettable stanza in it says:

"Aa ik naya shivaalaya is desh mein bana dein
Duniya ke thirathon se ooncha ho

apna thirath
Daamane-ashman se iska kalash mila dein."
"Come, let us build a new temple in our land,
its pinnacle rising higher than that of any other,
its Kalash touching the bosom of the sky."

Friends, on this Independence Day, let us resolve to raise in our hearts and minds, an edifice, of which the bricks will represent our rich diversity, and the mortar, our indestructible unity. And may the edifice soar skywards, and proclaim the eternal truth: *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* — The world is one family.

Jai Hind.

Experiencing the Mughal influence

Recollections of Indian cuisine

By Shalini Holkar

FOOD, for me, is people. In India, people is not a simple subject and neither is food. To properly understand either, one must dabble in history, geography, sociology, religion and — above all — in real life research. Food and people fascinate me. I am also rather fond of eating. So, in pursuit of my passion, I have spent hours talking to people in India about the food they eat, why they eat it, how they make it and how it fits into their lives. Some snip, I shall share with you in the hopes, perhaps, of whetting your appetite for a delicious and varied cuisine. But more with a view to making you aware of how much Indians care about food, how personal a thing it is still, how traditional, how crucial to the social system and how important in ways far beyond the simple acts of cooking and eating.

My geography is bad. I tend to think top or bottom, rather than north, south, east or west. It is, in any case, impossible to cover the whole subcontinent, so we shall just start from the top in Kashmir where the food has a very special flavour.

Kashmir, for me, is "Tubbak Maz", the old Muslim cook who taught me much of that I know about Kashmiri cuisine. We never knew his real name. We named him after our favourite Kashmiri snack, little rib chops, crisply fried. I remember him asleep by the side of a stream, his big, balding head on a pot. Our party is relaxing, having eaten its fill of trout from those wonderful waters. "Tubbak Maz" had smoked them to pink perfection with nothing but butter, salt and some thyme, plucked fresh from the same riverbank.

My husband fishes some distance away. "Tubbak Maz" smiles in his sleep. I know what dreams pass through his head:

"Floating Island, Madame, roast mutton and mint jelly... what about mulligatawny?" "Tubbak Maz" worked for the British in his youth, so Raj recipes slip through his sleep; but when he's awake, he thinks, breathes and eats his native Kashmiri cuisine.

I can still see him at his home during our cooking lessons: the afternoon sun gives his henna-dyed hair a gentle aura. He smacks his forehead with his hand: "Madame, to make proper Kashmiri food, you need the following things: good milk and clarified butter, both from a Kashmiri cow; mountain fed mutton, not too old to have lost that delicate cushion of fat; Kashmiri *Praan*, that shallot-like garlic we use to thicken our sauces; and Kashmiri chilis, the big, red sweet ones we dry and hang up for the winter. You can use a wadi, but it's best if you pound the *masala* yourself." (*Wadi* is a *masala* cakes of preground spices and condiments which Kashmiris prepare and store).

"It is also best," he continues, "if you cut your own meat." And with that he takes up his favourite cleaver and goes to work on the apricot stump he uses as his chopping block. He hums to himself. "Tubbak Maz" has a special song for every process: chopping, peeling, stirring or frying. He sings while I watch and his wife sits impassively, smoking her old "hubble bubble".

In this way we pass many an afternoon. We make Kashmiri *rogan josh*, a sort of mutton stew, simmered in a paste of local chilis, coriander, cumin, poppy seed, cardamom, garlic, ginger and a dozen other ingredients, all mellowed together with the aid of tomatoes and the good, thick yoghurt of the valley. We make *aab gosh*, a simpler dish of mutton, cooked slowly in lightly spiced milk; *daniyal korma* with coriander leaf the predominant flavour,

and *Dogra dal* from the foothills of Kashmir, a thick lentil soup, pungent with its infusion of fenugreek seed and pomegranate juice.

We do not make *gustabas* or *ristas*. These two, both Kashmiri style meatballs, require meat beaten so thoroughly that not a sinew or membrane remains. With their creamy, rich sauce of cardamom, thick milk and broth, they are always on the menu for a Kashmiri *wazwan* or feast held at wedding and religious functions; but only the *wazwan* or traditional caterers can make them properly.

Perhaps the greatest and most lasting outside influence on classic Indian cuisine was that of the Mughals, who came from the steppes and ruled India for several centuries. The Mughals, and their compatriots from the north, introduced opulence to Indian cuisine: rich rice *pulao*s and *biryani*s, elaborate breads stuffed with almonds, dried fruits and *mawa* or sweet condensed milk. They also brought the famous *tandoor* cuisine, where meats and breads are baked in a big standing oven, rather like a heated ant hill. One can still find this type of cuisine in places like Lucknow, Rampur, Hyderabad, the old Muslim sections of Delhi or fancy restaurants in new five star hotels, where "Mughlai" has become a catchword for rich and expensive cuisine.

Certain Hindu cuisines also succumbed to Mughlai influences. To this day the Mathur community in Delhi is proud of its Mughalized cuisine. The Mathurs, Hindus, were traditional scribes to the court of the Muslim Mughals. I once interviewed an entire Mathur family, well known for its excellent food. They were very clear that their cuisine was *not* vegetarian! "We Mathurs have hardly seen vegetables in the house," laughs the daughter-in-law,

except red chilli, tomatoes and onions. When we say *pulao*, we mean meat, not peas!"

"My butcher", she continues, "sees me coming from afar and shouts 'I have it, or 'not 'not today'. He is referring to *pasanda* meat. We Mathurs love those special strips from the leg." Her husband adds, "It must be *halal* meat; that is, meat which has been bled in the Muslim fashion. I can certainly tell the difference in the taste and the texture if it is not." There you have it! A preoccupation, if not an all-consuming passion and it is not unique; almost every one of India's myriad and varied communities will feel as strongly about its own food.

Mathur daughter-in-law cooked a dinner for us. It took her two days. Amongst many other dishes, there was a *subzee*, a meat dish which had simmered for twenty-four hours in a rich gravy of spices, garlic, ginger, onion, tomato, yoghurt and a mixture of egg with chickpea flour to bind the *kofias* or meat-balls. All this is sealed in an earthenware pot and left in dying embers to mature overnight. The next day turnips, kidneys, boiled eggs and lightly fried brains are added to the pot before serving.

There is no escaping the fact that even the simplest Indian meal requires a certain preparation. Hours are spent, usually by women, sifting, cleaning, pounding, kneading, grinding, peeling, chopping and stirring. It is a burden, yes; for some it is a bondage. But for many the preparation of food, so painstaking, is also a labour of caring, a labour that brings people together. The kitchen is the heart of the home, however humble; and it is worshipped as such by many, many women who begin their active day by lighting a fire for the morning meal and saying a prayer to that fire.



Meat, seafood, vegetable delights from Indian cuisine, designed to leave one gasping for more.

Feast fit for a king

In spite of its rather grandiose name, the Mughal Mahal restaurant, which is situated near the Al Hamra cinema in Sharq, is a very unpretentious place. With tiled walls, oilskin tablecloths and plastic seats, it is simply, but tastefully, decorated in shades of mushroom and orange. The Moghul prints, embroidered wall hangings and ornate coffee pots have been well chosen and both the lighting and background music are gentle.

The *Chaman ki chat* is an unusual salad with surprising contrasts of flavour. Among the main dishes, *Adrak ke Panje*, *Murg Lajawab* and *Maash ki Dal*, are to be recommended. The *Navratan biryani* is particularly good, too.

The *kulfi* (Indian icecream) at the Mughal Mahal is especially delicious, perfect after the spicy main dishes, and even better combined with *gajar* (carrot) *hulva*.

One is immediately impressed by the friendliness of the waiters, polite and solicitous, they provide a brisk, efficient and attentive service.

No wonder the restaurant is equally popular with Asians, Kuwaitis and Westerners alike. It is the perfect place to enjoy a delicious, cheap and filling meal in informal surroundings with family or friends, but if you don't want to eat out, the Moghul Mahal also provides a take out service.

Year of achievements

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per cent, cement by over 75 per cent and electronic goods by 700 per cent. Currently Indian industry meets the country's requirements of consumer goods and durables fully and, to a large extent capital equipment needed for a vast range of industries including nuclear power plants. Considerable gains have been made in the field of defence hardware and space technology. Globally, Indian industry ranks second in the field of cotton textiles, fourth in fertilisers and fifth in cement.

"Economic liberalisation and deregulation of industrial licensing initiated in 1980 and provided a fillip in 1985 have created favourable environs for attracting increasing foreign investments in the country. As a result, modernisation and technological upgradation of industry is on the upswing."

"Today, India is a place of hope and promise. India's middle and upper classes (household claiming an annual income of \$2,500 or more) now number around 100 million. They provide a vast market and a stable one too. This provides the backdrop to government efforts to attract investments from NRIs and friendly countries like Kuwait."

"Our support for Namibian independence, dismantling of apartheid apparatus in South Africa and Palestinian people's right to have a homeland under the leadership of PLO was reiterated time and again. Our quest to expand and strengthen relations with friendly countries all over the world continued. Our government took bold initiatives to normalise and improve relations with our neighbours. That through negotiations all mutual problems can be solved was underlined by us more than once. With Gulf countries in general, and Kuwait in particular, with whom India has enjoyed specially warm relations, contacts were sustained at various levels. Indians living in Kuwait continued to enjoy the hospitality of this friendly country, winning the confidence and trust of the Kuwaitis and expatriates that they richly deserve for their devotion and hardwork. On this joyous occasion of the 42nd anniversary of our independence, I salute them for their dedication to work and the deep interest they have maintained in the welfare of their native country and wish them a happy and prosperous future."

Jai Hind

Power to the people

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elections to civic bodies, including *panchayats*, in many states not being held for five to ten years.

Far from strengthening the system, many states tended to neglect it. This was possible because in the emergence of village level government, legislators at the state level saw a threat to their own authority.

Some states like Karnataka and West Bengal have, however, successfully experimented with *panchayati raj*. For instance, since 1985, when legislation was enacted in Karnataka for a three-

tier system in the state, attended in primary schools has picked up, primary health centres are working more efficiently, more housing schemes have been conceived and projects implemented for the poor. Above all, people at the local level have become more aware of their new status as masters of their own destiny.

In the early '70s, the government of India set up a committee to study the working of *panchayati raj* in the country and recommend ways and means of

strengthening it. The committee in its report recommended constitutional status for *panchayat* bodies.

In the light of experience and taking note of the committee's recommendations, the government of India introduced in parliament in May this year a bill to amend the constitution seeking to give more powers to *panchayats*. The measure, moved by the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, is founded on the basic principle of democratic governance.

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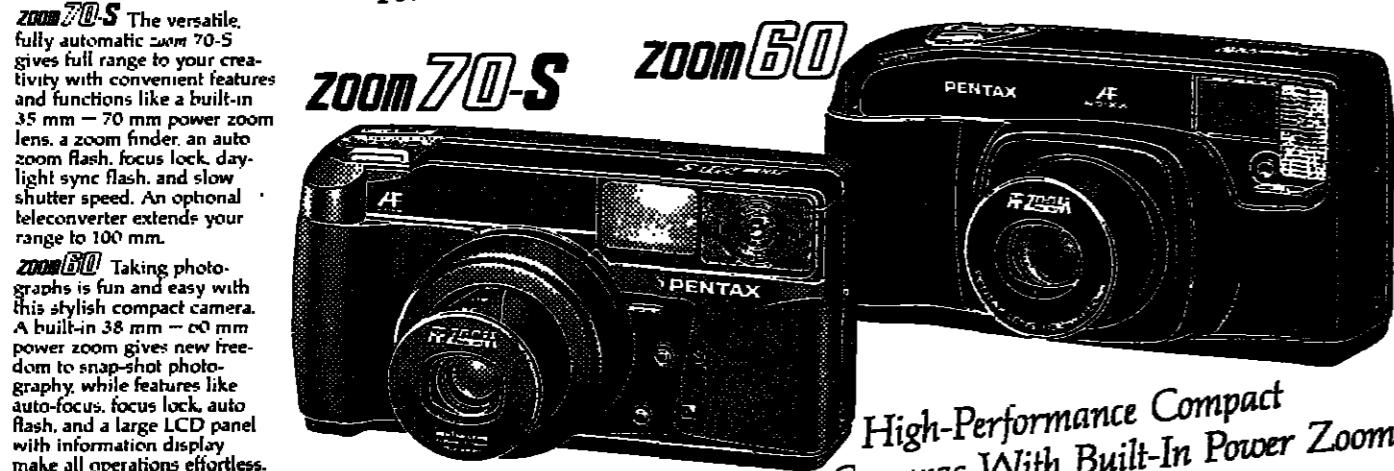
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Robin Williams plays zany academic

Love poems on Playboy

By Chris Jones

HOLLYWOOD hot property Robin Williams has played everything from Popeye to an alien from outer space. And now he ends up as a professor at a stuffy, old-fashioned college.

But, being zany Robin Williams, the professor turns out to be anything but a dusty academic. In fact, one of his pupils ends up

sitting in a cave writing a love poem on the back of Playboy girlie magazine.

The actor, who was nominated for an Oscar for playing a brash, fast-talking disc jockey in Good Morning Vietnam, stars as a master of English in the new movie Dead Poets Society.

But, like Popeye and the manic disc jockey, Robin's character John Keating, is still something of a rebel. Back in 1959, when the film is

set, the starchy college establishment regard him — in the kindest of terms — as an eccentric.

For Keating wants his seven students to have fun learning. To break the mould of conventional, chalky, lecture rooms. To see wider horizons.

That is why, strangely, they all end up in that cave deep in the forest.

Robin Williams says: "Everyone has at least one teacher like John Keating they remember — the ones who give you something you take with you for the rest of your life. The real story of the film is how the boys react to him. I am a catalyst — causing things to change without changing myself."

Why did the students leave the lecture room and continue their unorthodox studies in a musty old cave? Director Peter Weir, who made blockbusters like Gallipoli and Witness, explains: "Someone suggested telling horror stories in the cave and then reading spooky poems. One of the boys then had a love poem written on the back of Playboy magazine and that led to the others feeling free enough to read anything as if it were just a form of communication."

Creativity Weir describes his film as being about the creativity inside all of us. "Children paint, draw and write poetry. Then in the educational process, we are taught that only the very talented can do these things. So we end up studying their achievements," he says.

And it was Weir's idea to let Robin, once voted "Most likely to succeed" at his own school, to get the feel of his role by really trying to teach the class.

Weir says: "We put the script in the drawer and let Robin teach the class. He picked Shakespeare and Dickens as his subject. We loaded the camera and just let him take over the class. It was crazy, chaotic and very funny."

It is not the first time Robin has made a make-believe teacher. In Good Morning Vietnam, the wacky DJ takes time out to teach English — or American slang — to a group of Vietnamese students. But he has a strictly non-academic aim... to catch the eye of a pretty girl in the class.

Robin has come a long way since he first appeared on the show-business scene as a stand-up comic in night clubs in San Francisco and Los Angeles. It was in the movie capital that he was spotted by TV moguls, who gave him his first big break. This was the role of Mork, an extra-terrestrial being with the catchphrase "Nano, Nano", in the programme Happy Days. This was so successful that Robin starred in a spin-off series, Mork and Mindy and shot to stardom. So now the ex-alien has landed... to cast his spell on a dusty old college.



Robin Williams: "I am a catalyst — causing things to change without changing myself."

The Art Buchwald Column

Give me a spare part

EVERY evening there seems to be another story on television about distinguished businessmen in white collars cheating the government out of millions of dollars. Just the other night I saw a piece where a spare parts manufacturer and his sons were indicted for supplying faulty parts, which could cause hundreds of planes and helicopters to crash.

Archibald, who always thinks that big business is getting a bad rap, told me, "They didn't do it. No American would make spare parts and risk

injuring our fighting men."

"Even for money?" I asked.

"Suppose they did do it," he said. "I'm sure that their lawyers have a very reasonable explanation."

"Isn't there enough money in defence contracts so that they don't have to cheat?"

"Sometimes there is and sometimes people like to make a little extra for a rainy day. I'd be amazed if the gentlemen in question would do something to damage their reputation with the Pentagon. I think that some wise-guy whistle-

blower went to the press with a cockamamie story that the company was using junk metal instead of the new stuff, and the reporter bought it. None of us can control what gets into the newspapers."

"Fine and dandy — but suppose the metal for the spare parts cracked and caused a helicopter to nose-dive into the ground?"

"That's a hypothetical question. The company wouldn't sell spare parts like that because its officers don't want to go to jail."

I said, "Nobody is going to go to jail and you know

it. I'll bet the people in charge only get a \$10,000 fine and 15 hours of community service."

Archibald replied, "That's a stiff sentence for someone who only manufactured a few nuts and bolts that don't fit together. There is a prejudice against white-collar criminals in this country and it has to stop. These men overcame many obstacles before they reached the top, and it's wrong to take their gains away from them because they can't tell the difference between old metal and new."

"Should the judge make them promise not to cheat on their spare parts again?"

"That's a tough call. If I made spare parts I wouldn't want anyone telling me what to do. The Defence Department has many ways to ensure that it gets what it pays for."

"That doesn't seem to be the case in this situation," Archibald said. "You're on their side."

"Whose side?"

"The prosecutors who are trying to send the guys with the white collars up the river."

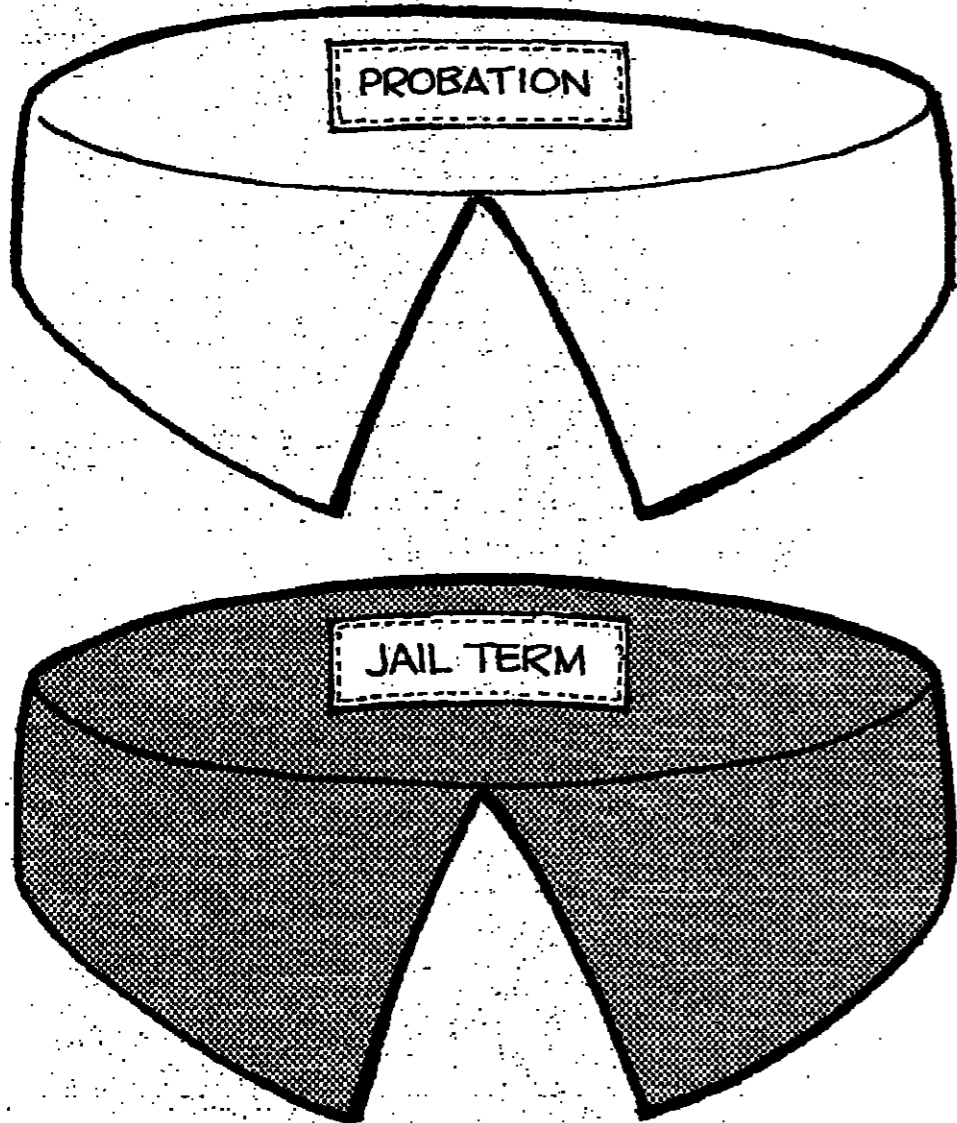
"If you want me to be honest with you, I wouldn't mind if they got 40 years."

"For what?"

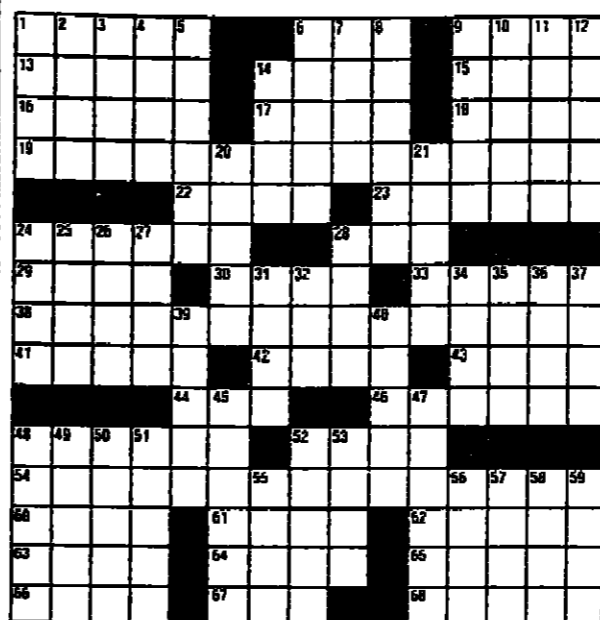
"Just to teach them a lesson. I figure if they did 40 years they wouldn't cheat again."

Archibald asked, "Have you ever heard the expression, 'Let the buyer beware'? Well, that's the way we should all feel about spare parts. If the people who fly the planes can't tell the good nuts from the bad ones, they ought to go into some other business. What makes our defense so appealing is that some of our finest weapons are as imperfect as we are."

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

SPOTTING THE OBVIOUS

East-West vulnerable. South club finesse. However, there is an additional chance: A 3-3 heart split will produce a third trick in that suit.

How can declarer combine his chances? If he takes the club finesse and it loses, he cannot give up a heart. If he plays three rounds of hearts, he stands to lose two tricks if the suit breaks 4-2, according to the percentages.

The solution is simple enough. At trick two declarer should lead a low heart and duck it in the other hand, surrendering a trick when the opponents can do him no harm.

Now declarer can test hearts without running the risk of going down. He can win any return and cash the ace and king of hearts. If the suit divides evenly, the long heart is set up for the fulfilling trick. If one of the defenders shows out on the third heart, declarer can still fall back on the club finesse for his fulfilling trick. Two chances are much better than one.

THE BIDDING:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 NT	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

There are some situations that crop up again and again. A veteran declarer doesn't really think about how to handle them—the play is automatic. Consider this hand.

North-South were using a 21-22 range for their two no trump openings. North's three clubs was a probe for a possible major-suit fit, and when a possible heart fit went aglimmering, he leaped straight to what he expected to make.

West led the top of his spade sequence. Declarer could count 11 fast tricks, and the obvious place to look for the 12th would seem to be the

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

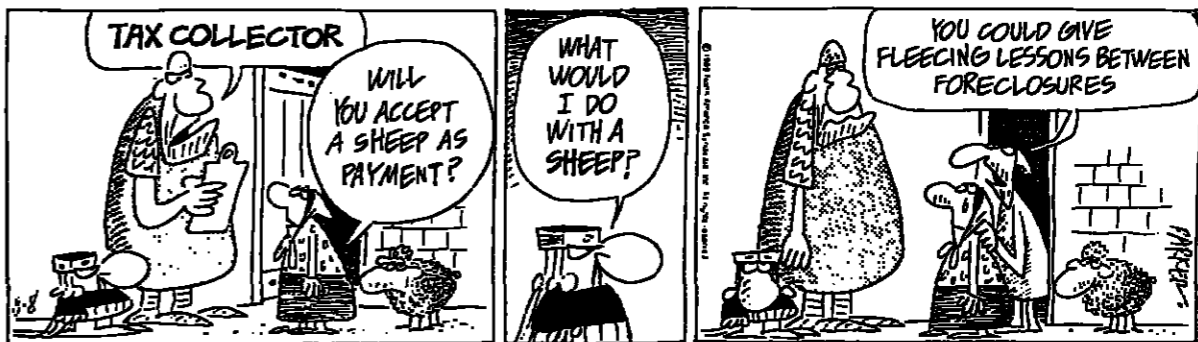
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

If you leave your partner too much on his own there could come a time when you will be left on your own too. Try to maintain a steady rhythm, not one too fast for your psyche. Do not expect luck to get you out of trouble. Be patient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Avoid doing anything you know in advance you might come to regret. Do not take everything quite so personally. Do not get flustered about whether you have taken everything you need when going on a journey but do pack sensibly. Be moderate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Try to keep things just a little more simple. Nothing wrong with being proud of yourself, but not for the wrong reasons. Beware of allowing a little flirtation to go too far. Be considerate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Do not give your partner any cause for jealousy. And see to it that he does not feel aggrieved or neglected. You must avoid getting set in your ways. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not lose touch with an old friend who has moved. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument. And keep away altogether from a subject about which a colleague feels strongly just now. Be polite.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to do something to restore flagging enthusiasm. Do not allow your children to get away with it, but do not be too hard on them either. Your lucky numbers are 24 and 46. Take things more in their stride. Be magnanimous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Do not think that love can be bought and do not pretend to love you have not got. However, you will see how much superior love is to hate or even indifference. You should beware of trespassing beyond the limits of safety or propriety. Be sensible.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Leave yourself with a little more room for manoeuvre. Try not to repeat yourself and do not be annoyed with someone who points out that you are. Do not dwell too much on the past. Be observant.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Work hard, but make sure that love and home come first. Try to think a little more positively and constructively. Be less sorry for yourself.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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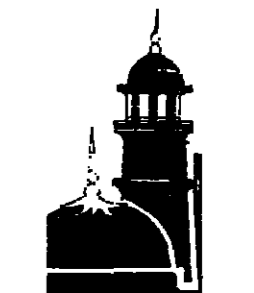
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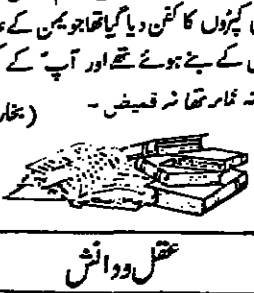


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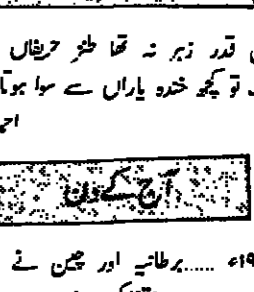
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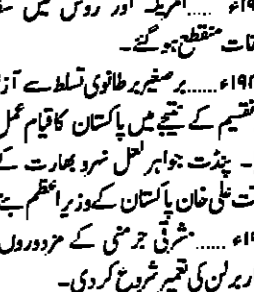
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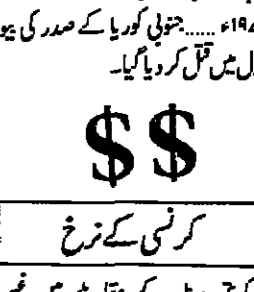
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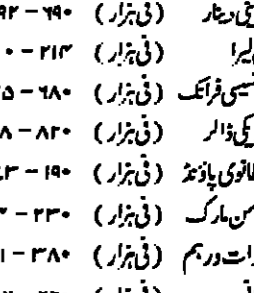
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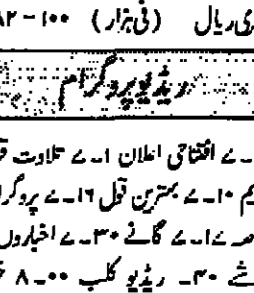
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منزل ۱۲ حریم الحرام ۱۰۴۱ھ - ۱۵ اگست ۱۹۸۹ء - چیف ایڈیٹر احمد جبار اللہ

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SPORTS

Gilbert edges Stoltenberg for crown

LIVINGSTON, N.J. Aug 14, (Reuters) — Second-seed Brad Gilbert won his second consecutive tournament by defeating Jason Stoltenberg of Australia in straight sets 6-4 6-4 to capture the \$125,000 Livingston Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday.

Trailing 1-4 in the second set, Gilbert rallied off the last five games, including

the final 11 points. Gilbert, ranked ninth in the world, won in Vermont last Sunday. He won the Livingston tournament in 1985 and 1986.

"I was serving well, returning well, although I played a little lackadaisical in the beginning of the second set," said Gilbert, who won \$18,680 for his victory.

Stoltenberg, 19, and ranked 113th, ousted top seed Michael Chang on Wednesday.

But yesterday Stoltenberg was plagued with numerous unforced volleying errors, including in the crucial seventh game of the second set when he netted a forehand to lose his service. At that point Gilbert had been down a

break. Stoltenberg said the windy conditions caused him problems. "The ball was dipping and it left me a little flatfooted," he said.

The rain-plagued tournament was also delayed yesterday because of showers. Play was suspended for more than an hour in the second set.

Myth of McLaren invincibility buried

BUDAPEST, Aug. 14, (Reuters) — Nigel Mansell's outstanding victory in yesterday's Hungarian Grand Prix has buried the myth of McLaren's invincibility over their Formula One rivals.

The Briton, who charged through the field from 12th on the grid to take the chequered flag, won in such style that even McLaren team director Ron Dennis was left gasping with admiration.

With both of his Honda-powered cars unimpaired by technical problems and clearly beaten by the superior handling of Mansell's Ferrari, Dennis had little choice but to admit McLaren had been well beaten.

"You can't win them all," he said. "Ferrari were better than us today, and in more competitive shape. They deserved to win and are to be congratulated on it."

Only Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna's individual brilliance enabled him to claim second place behind Mansell, ahead of Belgian Thierry Boutsen who claimed a well-deserved third place for the Williams team.

Had Boutsen's Italian team-mate Riccardo Patrese not been forced to retire when his engine overheated after leading for 32 laps, it might have been an even more successful day for Williams who proved in qualifying that they are now close to rediscovering their former winning ways.

An examination of Patrese's car last night showed a large metal object had hit the radiator and punched a hole through the underside of the car.

Patrese could at least take consolation from his domination of qualifying and the knowledge that he had held off Senna's challenge for the lead for two-thirds of a gripping race.

After 10 rounds of the 16-race world championship, McLaren have won seven races, Ferrari two and Williams one — but the Hungarian thriller was the first in which McLaren were beaten with both cars still running from the start to the finish.

In the season-opening Brazilian Grand Prix in March, Mansell won unexpectedly after Senna crashed and Prost was forced to limp home without a clutch.

In Canada, Boutsen inherited victory after Senna retired with engine trouble, while Prost won from the pole in a rain-hit race in which Prost was an early casualty.

"It is very satisfying to win when all the top contenders are still running and have to be passed," said Mansell. "It is much harder, too, of course."

But it made it a fantastic race and proved what a great job the Ferrari team have done this year.

Asked about his chances of winning again at the Belgian Grand Prix in two weeks' time, Mansell joked: "Oh, yes, they (McLaren) are going to blow up there and we will win easily. And when we get to Monza the Italian fans will make sure they blow us up."

More seriously, he added: "The championship is still on for us with six races to go even though we have only an outside chance. Anything can happen now."

Kasparov and Karpov draw in Cup

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 14, (Reuters) — World champion Garry Kasparov and his chief rival Anatoly Karpov battled to a draw last evening in the second round of the World Cup chess tournament.

The tournament is the final competition in a series which pits 16 of the world's top players against each other. The draw left Kasparov leading Karpov by three points overall.

Kasparov forced former world champion Karpov on to the defensive but a few inaccuracies by the world champion as he ran short of time enabled Karpov to equalize and the draw was agreed after 42 moves.

Results of round two: Nigel Short (Britain) drew with Ulf Andersson (Sweden). Yasser Seirawan (US) drew with Jaan Ehlvest (Soviet Union). Zoltan Ribli (Hungary) drew with John Nunn (Britain). Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia) defeated Lajos Portisch (Hungary). Valery Salov (Soviet Union) defeated Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland).

Anatoly Karpov drew with Garry Kasparov (both Soviet Union). Robert Hubner (West Germany) drew with Gyuha Sax (Hungary). Mikhail Tal drew with Rafael Vaganian (both Soviet Union).

Standings after two rounds: Salov — 2; Short; Kasparov; Ehlvest — 1-1/2; Sax; Portisch; Nunn; Seirawan; Nikolic; and Hubner — one; Anderson and Karpov — 1/2; and one adjourned Vaganian, Ribli, Tal — 1/2; Korchnoi — 0.

McEnroe wins 75th title

Berger goes down fighting

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 14, (Reuters) — John McEnroe, battling fans and himself as well as his opponent, won his 75th career title by beating Jay Berger 6-4 6-6 4-6 to win \$31,000 and the US Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships yesterday.

"When I got here this week I looked at the draw and hoped to get to the finals to have a rematch with (top seed) Stefan Edberg," McEnroe said. "But I wanted to play to Jay Berger that he played absolutely great tennis."

The second-seeded McEnroe, who went through periods of streaky tennis and lapses in concentration this past week, was much more controlled during the first part of the finals. But when he lost the third game of the second set, McEnroe reverted to form as his best self.

Throughout the rest of the match, the sixth-ranked McEnroe intermittently argued lines calls, berated himself, and even yelled at a pro-McEnroe crowd supporter to "shut up."

In the first set, play was remarkably even until the final game with Berger serving. The 22nd-ranked Berger, who won \$25,500 hit three loose volleys to allow McEnroe a break opportunity.

On his second break point, McEnroe snuck a cross-court lob on the line. The 22-year-old Berger, who has won three tournaments, got a late start for the



McEnroe scores a winner against Berger. (Reuters wirephoto)

job after he thought it was going to be long.

"I can't blame myself for what

I did out there," said Berger, who beat Edberg and Tim Mayotte in this tournament. "I made him

Mets edge Cardinals

Reds trounce Astros

NEW YORK, Aug. 14, (AP) — Ten days later, Jim Clancy faced the Cincinnati Reds again. This time, it was a lot better, even though he lost again.

"I felt good today, unlike the last time," Clancy said yesterday after Cincinnati beat the Houston Astros 5-0.

On Aug. 3, he started against the Reds and Cincinnati started breaking records. Clancy allowed seven runs in the first inning without retiring a batter.

The Reds finished the inning against Bob Forsch and won on the first with 14 runs and 14 hits. Cincinnati won the game 18-2.

In yesterday's game, Clancy, 6-10, gave up three runs and four hits in four innings, losing for the sixth time in seven decisions. Houston lost for the fourth sacrifice fly, and run-scoring singles by Rolando Roomes and

Ron Oester made it 3-0 in the fourth. In the seventh, Luis Quiñones hit an RBI single and Davis had a sacrifice fly.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2. Bob Ojeda won his fourth consecutive decision as the Mets pulled to within 3 and 1-2 games of first-place Chicago in the National League East.

New York has won 11 of 14 and, at 64-53, is 11 games over .500 for the first time this year. The visiting Cardinals remained 6 and 1-2 games back.

Phillies 5, Cubs 3. Ricky Jordan's sacrifice fly snapped an eighth-inning tie at Wrigley Field and Darren Daulton followed with a run-scoring single.

Ryne Sandberg went 0-for-3, snapping his streak of five consecutive games with a home run. Jerome Walton's fifth-inning double extended his hitting

streak to 24 games, longest in the Major Leagues this season. Pirates 6, Expos 4.

Bob Walk, 10-7, scattered eight hits over 8 2-3 innings at Olympic stadium to become Pittsburgh's first 10-game winner. The Pirates snapped a three-game losing streak and Montreal remained 2 and 1-2 games behind Chicago, a game ahead of New York.

Results American League Baltimore 6 Boston 1 Milwaukee 5 Cleveland 4 New York 9 Minnesota 7 Kansas City 8 Toronto 3 California 4 Oakland 3 Chicago 4 Seattle 4 Detroit 4 Texas 2

National League Pittsburgh 6 Montreal 4 New York 3 St. Louis 2 Philadelphia 5 Chicago 3 Cincinnati 5 Houston 0 Los Angeles 3 San Francisco 2

La Rocca stops Soto

SAN MANGO D'AQUINO, Italy, Aug. 14, (Reuters) — Italy's Nino La Rocca won the first defence of his title of European welterweight champion yesterday when the referee stopped a fight against Spain's Alfredo Costas Soto in the second of 12 scheduled rounds.

The referee ended the bout after La Rocca, a 30-year old Mauritanian-born naturalised Italian, sent his challenger to the canvas for the third time in the first two minutes of the second round.

"I saw he wasn't holding up any more so I preferred to finish him. I thought if I spare him and he comes back, it's risky," La Rocca said after his win.

For La Rocca, it was his 78th professional fight. He won the title on his second attempt last April when he beat Britain's Kirkland Laing.



Navratilova shows her happiness on winning the title. (Reuters wirephoto)

Navratilova routs Sabatini

MANHATTAN BEACH, Aug. 14, (Agencies) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova began her march toward the US Open by beating Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-0 6-2 in the final of the \$300,000 Los Angeles tennis tournament yesterday.

It was here two years ago that Navratilova lost her number one world ranking to West German Steffi Graf. Navratilova said yesterday her win here against the second-seeded Sabatini was her most complete match in two years.

"It's as good as I've played an overall match in the past two years," said Navratilova, who won \$60,000. "I don't care how bad Gaby played, if you beat her (that easily), you played pretty well. I am playing better and better every match."

Navratilova, second in the world, escaped two break points in the opening game with some acrobatic volleying and went on to win the first

seven games of the match by attacking the net constantly.

Sabatini, third in the world, finally held her serve in the second game of the second set, but her problems continued when she double-faulted the fourth game away to give Navratilova a 3-1 lead.

After both players held serve, Sabatini staged a brief rally with Navratilova serving at 2-4, but the Argentine could not convert any of the three opportunities to put the match back on serve.

Sabatini, who had not dropped a set until the final, admitted that she never felt competitive yesterday with Navratilova, who she defeated on clay in their only other meeting this year.

"I guess today was not my day," said Sabatini, who earned \$24,000. "I just couldn't get into the match. I was not mentally strong. I was making too many mistakes."

British track star in tears over cash row

Coe wins showdown

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 14, (Reuters) — Former Olympic champion Steve Ovett was reduced to tears by a mysterious cash row after arch-rival Sebastian Coe had romped away to win their long-awaited 1,500 metres showdown yesterday.

Coe almost fell as the bunched field approached the bell but recovered to put in a storming last lap and win the English national title in three minutes 41.38 seconds.

Ovett finished ninth but stole the headlines immediately afterwards by breaking down on television, claiming he had been offered cash to compete and accusing officials of lying.

Ovett, racing twice Olympic champion Coe for the first time on a British track, declared: "They got me here on false pretences and lied to a lot of people."

"I felt I was being bought after money was offered to me. I get very upset about these things."

Meeting spokesman Tony Ward said no money was paid to any athletes to compete in the championships. "Clearly something has gone wrong and we must let the dust settle and then look at the whole situation," he said.

But the 33-year-old Ovett had threatened to withdraw from the race after claiming he had been offered money but not Coe.

"I wanted to do myself justice but that wasn't Steve Ovett racing out there. I had to fight for my integrity. That's very hard to do if you have to concentrate on racing."

He added: "The sport had to be taught a lesson. There are people in athletics who are trying to use it. I hope I got my point across."

Coe produced a sustained attack after dropping to eighth place when Steve Crabb fell with just over 400 metres remaining.

Coe, 32, had to leap high to avoid Crabb's sprawling body but then attacked down the back straight to rejoin the leaders and struck off the final bend to win from Tony Morrell.

Afterwards he said: "Steve Ovett is one of life's scary people. He said earlier in the day he wanted to come clean and tell me that he had been offered money. He was being paid and I was being offered nothing."



Aouita (right) moves ahead of Druppers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aouita runs year's best 1,500 metres

HENGLO, Netherlands, Aug. 14, (Reuters) — Said Aouita ran the fastest 1,500 metres of 1989 at the Adriaan Paulen Memorial Games yesterday.

The Moroccan, world record holder at the distance, clocked three minutes 30.63 seconds, the seventh fastest ever, to improve the time set by Abdi Bile of Somalia in Italy last month.

The Moroccan had promised an attempt on his world record 3:29.46 and set off at a fast pace, trailing in the wake of Rob Druppers of the Netherlands who had stepped up from the 800 metres to act as pacemaker.

Druppers dropped out 300 metres from the finish, leaving Aouita to charge home to the roars of around 20,000 people in the stadium on a warm, still evening ideally suited for running.

Seoul Olympic 100 metres champion Carl Lewis and Olympic 200 metres champion Joe DeLoach teamed up with rising star Leroy Burrell and Floyd Heard in the US Santa Monica Track Club team which was aiming for a new 4x200 metres relay world best.

Lewis ran the final leg, storming home well clear of the second Santa Monica team, but the time of 1:20.43 was outside the 1:20.26 world mark set by the University of Southern California in 1978.

World record holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union was surprisingly beaten in the pole vault.

Bubka entered the competition with the bar at 5.70 metres, but failed with his three attempts. The event was won by American Tim Bright, who cleared 5.60.

Jose Luis Barbosa of Brazil took the 800 metres in 1:44.79, narrowly beating American Johnny Gray.

Nascar race

WATKINS GLEN, New York, Aug. 14, (AP) — Rusty Wallace came from far off the pace twice and drove away to an easy victory yesterday in the Budweiser at the Glen Nascar race.

The hard-charging Wallace, who finished second to Ricky Rudd last year after winning in 1987, survived being caught in the wrong place on a caution flag and a flat tyre under the green flag to win for the fourth time this season.



Payne Stewart celebrates after sinking a birdie on the 18th. (Reuters wirephoto)

Stewart qualified on points in addition to securing the automatic spot awarded to the PGA champion.

Floyd is scheduled to announce his selections tomorrow.

Stewart's triumph owed to the sudden collapse by Reid, who had been the essence of consistency in bringing lengthy Kem-

per Lake course down to size. "We're all human," said Reid, who also lost a lead with five holes left in the Masters last April.

"Textbook golf doesn't always work out that way," he said. "It's like they say, sports is like life with the volume turned up... the nights are a little longer — like it will be tonight trying to



Stewart shouts with joy as he hugs the PGA Championship trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

figure out what happened."

Reid led by as many as four strokes during the front nine and held a three-shot cushion through the 15th hole.

His troubles started at 16 — the first of a treacherous finishing trio. Reid's drive at 16 found the water and he could consider himself fortunate to salvage a bogey with a 12-foot putt.



Stewart shouts with joy as he hugs the PGA Championship trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

At the par-3 17, his drive nestled in the rough behind the pin. He flubbed his second shot, barely pushing it out onto the green and leaving himself an uphill 15-foot for par.

Reid's next putt slid by a few feet and his putt for bogey lipped the cup to send him out of the lead.

The surprise finish came at the end of a marathon day as the suspension of play on Saturday due to lightning forced 39 golfers to return early yesterday to finish the third round.

Stewart, who wears old fashioned plus fours in the colours and logo of National Football League teams, actually began the day nine strokes behind Reid.

Stewart restarted his third round on the 12th hole, standing at four under par. He improved three shots before teeing it up for the final round three threesomes behind Reid.

Others made runs at Reid but could not overtake him. Strange moved to within one stroke midway through the round before birdies by Reid at 10 and 11 restored the lead.

Woosnam, Rummels, Scott Hoch and Seve Ballesteros of Spain were all within two shots of Reid before falling back.

Hoch finished at 280, four shots back, along with Craig Stadler.

Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain fired a 69 to finish at 281 along with Tom Watson and Ed Fiori. Australian Greg Norman, who shot 70, and Ballesteros, who stumbled in with 74, were among five at 282.

Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, who thrilled the galleries in Thursday's opening round with 68s, finished on high points.

Palmer shrugged off a disappointing third-round 81 to shoot 70 on his final round, ending with a 40-foot birdie to the delight of his ever faithful army of admirers. He finished at five-over 293.

Nicklaus followed suit, holding a birdie putt a similar distance at 18 to complete a 72 that put him at 285.

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Honour badges

KUWAIT, Aug 14 (KUNA): Chairman of the Asian Olympic Council Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah today announced that badges of honour will be awarded for distinguished services to promote the sports movement in the continent.

Title fight

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug 14 (AP): Undeclared heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson will fight James Douglas in October for the world heavyweight boxing title, the Columbus Dispatch reported in today's editions.

\$6m contract

BOSTON, Aug 14 (AP): Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird has become the first athlete in any team sport to sign a contract worth more than \$6 million for one year.

Parachutist dies

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug 14 (AP): The parachuting demonstration at the 15th Southeast Asian Games will go on as scheduled even though one parachutist died and another was injured yesterday during rehearsals, officials said today.

Doping controls

BONN, Aug 14 (Reuters): European's swimming's governing body wants member countries to consider doping controls at major events in line with international rules and implement random testing during training, an official said today.

Rugby players

LONDON, Aug 14 (UPI): More England rugby union internationals may be on their way to South Africa to join props Jeff Proby and Paul Rendall, who arrived in Johannesburg this morning.

Olympic coins

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug 14 (AP): South Korea plans to melt down unsold coins commemorating the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, a newspaper reported today.

Al Arabi win

MANAMA, Aug 14 (AP): Al Arabi opened up the title race in the Coca-Cola GCC Club Soccer Championship with a 2-1 win today against the United Arab Emirates' Al Wasl at the national stadium in Isa Town here.

Berry dies

SACRAMENTO, California, Aug 14 (AP): Ricky Berry, a 1988 first-round draft pick of the Sacramento Kings, has committed suicide, a team spokeswoman said today.

Swim meet

KUWAIT, Aug 14 (KUNA): Aiman Khalaf Al Anizi captured the second place in the Arab Youth Swimming Tournament for Kuwait when he cruised to the gold medal, raising his country's share to three gold medals and two bronze ones.

First gold

BONN, Aug 14 (Reuters): Ute Wetzig of East Germany claimed the first gold medal of the European Swimming Championships today when she won the women's highboard diving title in a close three-way battle.

Pakistan and S.Korea rout opponents

IPOH, Malaysia, Aug 14 (AP): South Korea enhanced its chances for the last semifinal berth in the Junior World Cup field hockey tournament by defeating England 4-1 today in a Group B match.

In another game, Pakistan, which already has qualified for the semifinals from Group B, beat the United States 7-2 after leading 5-1 at half-time.

The Koreans have won three matches out of four so far and have six points. They are favoured against the Soviet Union in their last Group B match tomorrow.

Also in the six-team group is Spain.

In Group A, West Germany and Australia already have qualified for the semifinals on Thursday. Others in that group are Malaysia, the Netherlands, Argentina and Egypt.

In today's match, Korea opened scoring in the 13th minute with a goal by Han Jung-Hwan, and Shin Seok-Kyo scored two minutes later from a short corner.

Kim Tae-Hyung made it 3-0 in the 42nd minute, connecting on a rebound from the goal post after Choi Jung-Mo's shot, and then scored again six minutes later.

Mark Kirkland scored England's only goal from a short corner in the last minute.

For Pakistan, Anjum Saeed scored in the fourth minute, Khalid Bashir in the sixth, captain Shahbaz Ahmed in the 15th, 29th and 44th minutes, Mussadiq Hussain in the 33rd and Tahir Zaman in the 39th.

Marq Mellor scored both US goals, in the 19th and 52nd minutes.

Australia crush England

Border & Co. take 4-0 lead

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 14 (Reuters): Australia brushed England aside yet again at Trent Bridge today to win the fifth Test by an innings and 180 runs.

England, who followed on 347 behind, were dismissed in their second innings for 167. It was their heaviest defeat of the summer.

Australia have now won four Tests in an Ashes series for the first time since 1948 and have a chance to gain an unprecedented fifth victory at the oval next week.

England were all out for 255 in their first innings and fared even worse when they were asked to follow on by Allan Border.

Captain David Gower, promoting himself to opener, was bowled by Geoff Lawson offering no shot. He scored only five and faced nine balls. Tim Curtis and first innings hero Robin Smith also fell before lunch when England had limped to 77 for three.

The procession continued throughout the afternoon with only Mike Atherton, top scorer with 47, and Eddie Hemmings, with 35, reaching double figures.

The end arrived soon after tea when Merv Hughes bowled both Hemmings and Devon Malcolm. Ian Botham was unable to bat because of a finger injury.

Australian opener Mark Taylor won the Man of the Match award for his innings of 219.

England's defeat was the 10th suffered in their last 11 Tests under Gower, whose overall captaincy record now reads: played 31, won 5, drawn 8, lost 18.

Botham, however, today reversed his earlier decision and made himself available for England's cricket tour of West Indies early next year.

The second highest wicket-taker in Test cricket, Botham announced his change of mind shortly after England had tumbled to defeat.



Merv Hughes



Taylor Man of the Match

Botham had earlier declared himself unavailable for the three-month tour but said he had changed his mind following the announcement of the rebel England tour to South Africa.

"England have lost the services of so many experienced players and I have informed manager Mickey Stewart that if selected I'm willing to tour West Indies," he said.

"I know I said two years ago that I would be unavailable for another tour. I was still in the same frame of mind three weeks ago, but since then the situation has changed considerably."

Meanwhile, four anti-apartheid activists flew to England today to seek talks with "rebel" cricket players who have agreed to tour South Africa over the next two winters.

The South African activists, arriving at Heathrow airport, said they hope to talk with the 14 English players and persuade them not to make the visits.

"We hope to bring sense to bear upon those players and sports officials so that the rebel cricket tour does not take place," said Murphy Morobe, of the United Democratic Front, a South African anti-apartheid group.

"It is in the interest of our people that the tour does not take place."

Sixteen cricket players announced earlier this month they would tour South Africa, even though they would face automatic five-year bans from international competition.

The only two blacks among those players, Phillip DeFreitas and Roland Butcher, pulled out of the tour last week after facing intense pressure from anti-apartheid officials and fellow sportsmen.

Krish Mackerduh, president of the Non-racial South African Cricket Board, denied claims that the rebels would be helping black South Africans by touring.

"I think that is just camouflage," said Mackerduh, one of the four officials who travelled from Johannesburg to London. "They know and we know that by them coming to South Africa they are not going to change apartheid."

The NSC delegation will also meet members of the British opposition Labour Party, senior Commonwealth officials and members of the Test and County Cricket Board.

If the tour goes ahead, it threatens to cause a rumpus in world sporting circles, and Commonwealth nations say they are seeking ways of excluding England from next year's Commonwealth Games in Auckland if the cricket rebels get their way.

The 1986 Edinburgh Games were boycotted by 32 Asian, African and Caribbean nations after Britain refused to implement economic sanctions against South Africa to protest against Pretoria's apartheid policies.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 602 for six declared (M. Taylor 219, G. Marsh 138).

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 246 for nine)

T. Curtis lbw b Alderman.....2
M. Moxon c Waugh b Alderman.....0
M. Atherton lbw b Alderman.....0
R. Smith c Healy b Lawson.....101
D. Gower c Healy b Lawson.....11
J. Russell c Healy b Lawson.....20
E. Hemmings b Alderman.....38
I. Botham c Waugh b Hohns.....29
N. Cook not out.....12
D. Malcolm c Healy b Hughes.....9
Extras (lb-18 nb-13).....31
Total.....255

Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-1 3-14 4-37 5-116 6-120 7-134 8-160 9-167

Bowling: Alderman 19-2-89-5, Lawson 21-5-57-2, Hohns 18-9-48-2, Hughes 7-5-40-1, Waugh 11-4-23-0.

ENGLAND second innings

D. Gower b Lawson.....5
T. Curtis lbw b Alderman.....6
M. Atherton c and b Hohns.....47
R. Smith b Hughes.....26
M. Moxon b Alderman.....18
J. Russell b Lawson.....35
E. Hemmings lbw b Hughes.....1
A. Fraser b Hohns.....7
N. Cook not out.....1
D. Malcolm b Hughes.....5
I. Botham absent injured
Extras (b-3 lb-6 nb-6 w-1).....16
Total.....167

Fall of wickets: 1-5 2-13 3-67 4-106 5-114 6-120 7-134 8-160 9-167

Bowling: Alderman 18-6-32-2, Lawson 15-3-51-2, Hughes 12-3-14-3, Hohns 12-3-29-2.

First Test: Australia won by 210 runs

Second Test: Australia won by six wickets

Third Test: Match drawn

Fourth Test: Australia won by nine wickets

Sixth Test: The Oval, Aug 24-29.



Anti-apartheid delegation

An anti-apartheid delegation from South Africa at London's Heathrow airport yesterday at the start of a campaign aimed at the cancellation of the planned tour of South Africa by rebel cricketers. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tyson offered \$100m

LONDON, Aug 14 (AP): A British sports promotions firm offered heavyweight champion Mike Tyson \$100 million today to make a year-long world tour that would include a title fight each month.

Winners Worldwide Ltd., which promotes snooker and soccer as well as British rock bands, said the tour would start in the United States and move into Europe and Japan before finishing in Brockton, Massachusetts, the birthplace of Rocky Marciano.

Stephen Jones, a spokesman for Winners Worldwide, said the firm has never promoted a world title fight but, "we've done a couple of local shows which have been very successful."

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Dutch soccer

Dutch not police make their presence felt at the visitors entrance to the F.C. Utrecht soccer stadium, in Utrecht, Netherlands, on Sunday, after fears that Rotterdam Feyenoord fans with membership cards would start rioting if not allowed inside. Over 400 policemen were called in to keep peace and the Rotterdam fans with tickets were allowed in without further trouble. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rain hits Lancashire hopes

LONDON, Aug 14 (Reuters): Lancashire's bid to clinch the English Sunday League cricket title ended in watery anti-climax at Manchester when their crucial game against second-placed Essex was called off because of rain.

Essex restricted the hosts to 135 for nine in a reduced 28-over match and had raced to 53 without loss from 10.4 overs when the weather intervened.

They now have to win their final match and hope Lancashire lose both their last two games in order to take the crown.

About 20 anti-apartheid protesters ran on to the field and delayed play at Lord's when Mike Gatting, captain of England's rebel tour to South Africa, walked out to bat for Middlesex against Northamptonshire. An unconcerned Gatting scored 40 as Middlesex won by six wickets.

Third placed Worcestershire virtually clinched a place in the four-team play-offs, beating Hampshire by two runs in a low-scoring match against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

Paul Pollard kept Nottinghamshire's play-off hopes alive with 123 not out to engineer a nine-wicket win with four balls to spare against Surrey at the Oval.

Ashley Metcalfe scored 73 to help Yorkshire beat Kent by four wickets with five balls to spare at Scarborough while Derbyshire, chasing a mere 128, wobbled early on before defeating Gloucestershire by four wickets at Cheltenham.

Warwickshire beat Somerset on a faster scoring rate at Edgbaston but rain prevented any result at Ebbw Vale where Glamorgan's match against Sussex was called off.

Mexico surprise Italian giants

LOS ANGELES, Aug 14 (Reuters): Mexico polished its tarnished image by beating Juventus of Italy 3-2 in the championship match of a Los Angeles international soccer tournament yesterday.

Currently serving a two-year ban imposed by FIFA for using over-age players in an under-20 qualifying tournament in 1988,

Mexico upset the Italian giants in a thrilling game in which all five goals came during a 20-minute barrage in the second half.

South Korea took third place by beating the United States 2-1 in the consolation match.

Neither Mexico nor Juventus showed much offensive flair in the first 45 minutes, but the teams jolted the largely pro-Mexican

crowd of 23,191 at the 55th minute when Salvatore Schillaci snuck behind the Mexican defence to score.

Antonio Alcantara equalised for Mexico nine minutes later, but Juventus regained the lead on a Sergio Brio header.

Then Mexico jumped back on top with a pair of goals less than two minutes.

Trinidad and Tobago tie El Salvador

Chile hold Brazil to draw in Cup qualifier

NEW YORK, Aug 14 (AP): Trinidad and Tobago tied El Salvador 0-0 yesterday in a qualifying match for soccer's 1990 World Cup and moved into a second-place tie with the United States in the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

Costa Rica, 5-2-1, have completed play in the double round-robin group with 11 points and are virtually assured of advancing to the 1990 World Cup in Italy. The top two teams in the region advance.

The United States, 2-1-1, have five points but have played one less game than Trinidad, 1-1-3, Guatemala, 1-2, are fourth with two points and El Salvador, 0-3-1, is last with one point.

In yesterday's other games, Brazil and Chile tied 1-1 in South America Group 3. Ivory Coast beat Zimbabwe 5-0 in Africa Group A. Cameroon beat Gabon 2-1 in Africa Group C and Zaire beat Zambia 1-0 and Tunisia tied Morocco 0-0 in Africa Group D.

On Saturday, Sam Okwaraji of Nigeria collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack

during his nation's 1-0 victory over Angola at Lagos, Nigeria. Seven fans also died at the match from suffocation. Government-controlled radio said 100,000 fans packed in Lagos stadium, built to hold 80,000.

The El Salvador-Trinidad match was played in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It originally was scheduled for San Salvador but FIFA, soccer's world governing body, ordered it played in a neutral country following fan disturbances at the El Salvador-Costa Rica match on June 25.

Trinidad had beaten El Salvador 2-0 at Port of Spain, Trinidad, on July 30.

Brazil 1 Chile 1

At Santiago, Chile, Romario of Brazil was given a red card in the third minute for elbowing Chile's Alejandro Hisis and Paul Ormeno of Chile was expelled in the 13th minute for a rough foul on Brazil's Dunga.

Brazil took the lead 11 minutes into the second half when Chilean defender Fernando Astengo's shot bounced off the chest of teammate Hugo Gonzalez and into his own net.

Ivan Basay tied the game with seven minutes remaining. Brazil's goalkeeper, Taffarel, was penalised for holding the ball too long. Jorge Aravena made a quick pass off the free kick and Basay scored from 10 feet.

Brazil manager Sebastiao Lazaroni angrily protested the free kick and was restrained by Chilean police.

Chile and Brazil are 1-0-1 and Venezuela 0-2. Chile and Brazil play in Rio de Janeiro on Sept 3.

Ivory Coast 5 Zimbabwe 0

At Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe walked off the field for 18 minutes early in the second half to protest a call by referee Bandou Jasseh of Gambia.

Oumar Ben Salah, who plays club soccer in France, put Ivory Coast ahead 1-0 in the 30th minute and made it 2-0 a minute into the second half.

Eight minutes later, Jasseh awarded Ivory Coast a penalty kick and Zimbabwe walked off in protest.

When Zimbabwe returned, Jasseh gave two Zimbabwe players red cards, making the team play with only nine men the rest of the game.

Akenu Guede scored on the free kick for a 3-0 lead. Amari Yao scored with 10 minutes left and Sekou Bamba scored the fifth goal with two minutes remaining.

Ivory Coast, 2-0-1, play Algeria, 2-0-1, on Aug 25. Algeria need only a tie to advance.

Zaire 1, Zambia 0

At Kinshasa, Zaire, Kabongo scored 10 minutes into the first half as Zaire prevented Zambia from clinching the group title.

Tunisia 0, Morocco 0

At Rabat, Morocco, the hosts were eliminated from any chance of advancing. Morocco is 1-2-2 with one match left.

Cameroon 2, Gabon 1

At Libreville, Gabon, Cameroon set up the key match at home against Nigeria on Aug 27. Cameroon, a 1982 World Cup finalist, must win by at least two goals to advance. Cameroon is 3-1-1 and Nigeria is 4-0-1.

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